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On the cover: UMW President Richard V. Hurley takes a stand at Spirit Rock. *Photo by Norm Shafer*

This page: Affixed near Woodard Campus Center for nearly 10 years, Spirit Rock makes a statement. *Photo by Terry Cosgrove*

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To the Editor:

I just returned from the Mary Washington campus. Reunion Weekend was wonderful from beginning to end, and I came home inspired by the intellectual and creative activities, gratified by the renewal of friendships.

I have a special place in my heart for the school, and *University of Mary Washington Magazine* plays an important role in keeping me connected. I always look forward to receiving the latest issue, and I read each one from cover to cover.

Yours truly,
Carol Pappas Bartold '75
Bronxville, New York

To the Editor:

I loved reading about the clothing exhibit at the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library. At one time, I was a docent there, and I'm sorry to have missed being a part of that particular exhibit. How marvelous! We moved to Arizona in 2006, and I still miss Fredericksburg.

As a new employee at Mary Washington, I rode on one of those golf carts behind Mrs. [Frances] Armstrong when going on a tour of campus, and I remember being charmed by her wonderful stories.

By the way, I'm so happy to see that Richard Hurley will take over as the new president; I believe great things will come of that decision.

The only downside to reading your wonderful magazine is that I always develop terrible homesickness afterward! Keep up the good work!

Thanks so much.

Sincerely,
Kathi Rush
Tucson, Arizona

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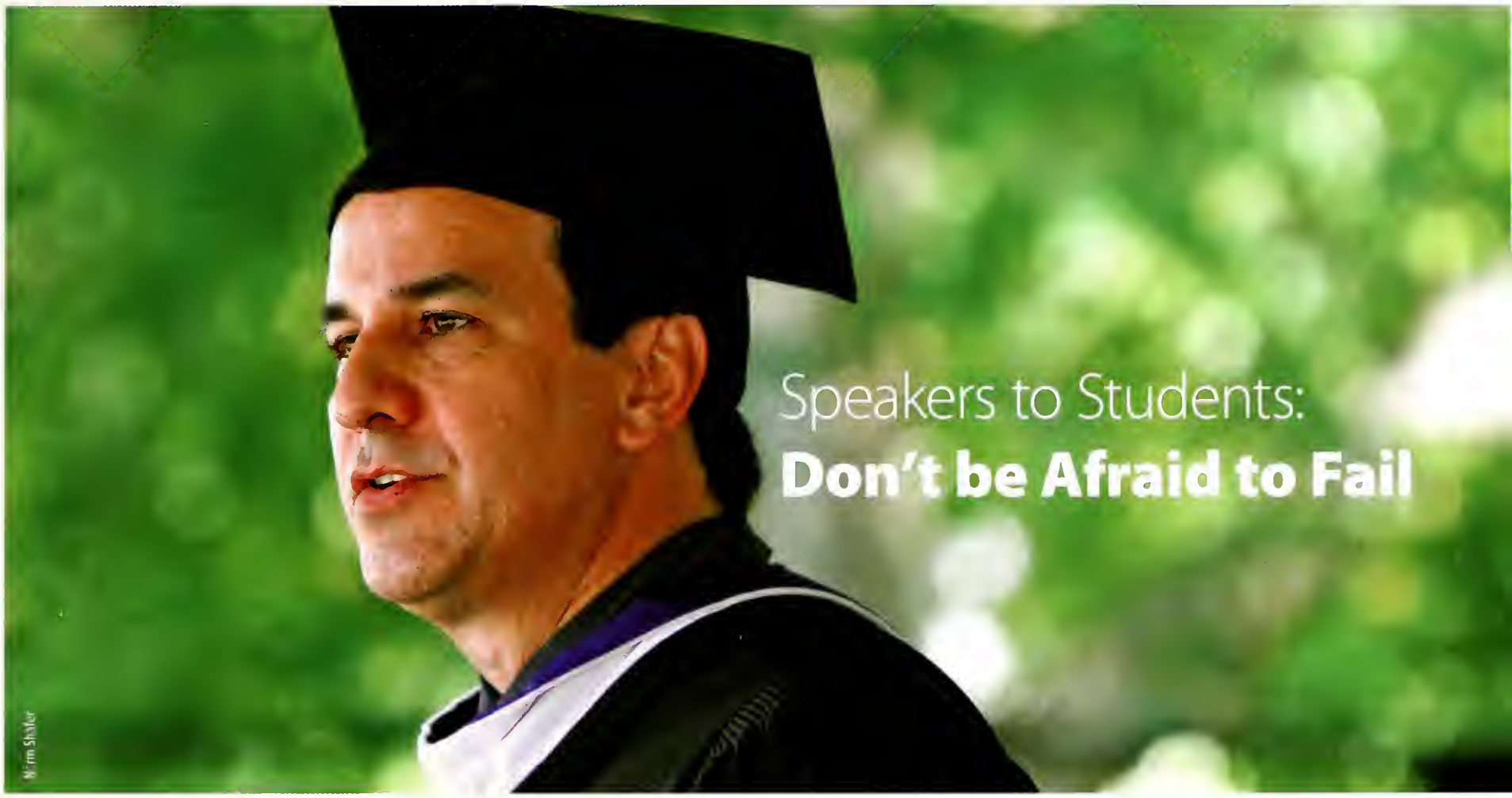

Dan Wolfe '84, executive vice president of Worldwide Creative Operations for Universal Pictures, encouraged undergraduates to take chances and to take control of their lives.

The University of Mary Washington turned out 1,201 graduates at its 99th Commencement on May 7 and 8.

Friday evening, 240 candidates received master's degrees in Dodd Auditorium. Early Saturday morning, 961 students processed through a phalanx of faculty along Campus Walk as the undergraduate ceremony began. Eyes met, smiles were exchanged, and many briefly abandoned the orderly queue for a quick hug, handshake – or high five – with an admired professor.

The UMW Philharmonic Orchestra kept Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance* in the air as the undergraduates entered Ball Circle, followed by the faculty, the Board of Visitors, speaker **Dan Wolfe '84**, and the soon-to-be ninth President of the University, Richard V. Hurley.

Young leaves of silver linden trees danced in the sun and shaded proud parents as then-Acting President Hurley welcomed families and graduates, most of whom entered the University in fall 2006. Hurley said he had shared with them an "interesting journey," full of tremendous change. But "this university has remained true to its foundational values of academic excellence, community spirit, honor, and integrity – and it has continued to become a stronger and better place."

Hurley encouraged the graduates to go into the world with the confidence that they are well prepared to make their marks there. The Class of 2010 "will always remain very special in my heart," said the man who was slated to become president less than eight weeks later.

Hurley introduced Wolfe, executive vice president of Worldwide Creative Operations for Universal Pictures, by noting the successes of his two decades overseeing creative and technical support for the marketing of all of Universal's films. Wolfe, an '04 UMW Distinguished Alumnus and '07 Distinguished Graduate in Residence, has worked on 350 films, including four Best Picture Academy Award winners – *Schindler's List*, *Shakespeare In Love*, *Gladiator*, and *A Beautiful Mind*.

At Friday night's ceremony, retired Sen. John H. Chichester addressed the University of Mary Washington master's degree candidates. Like Wolfe, Chichester, who represented Fredericksburg in the Virginia State Senate for nearly 30 years, encouraged the graduates to be unafraid of failure. "The most successful people around have failed at some point in their lives," the Stafford County native said. "Their richest learning experiences have come from that failure."

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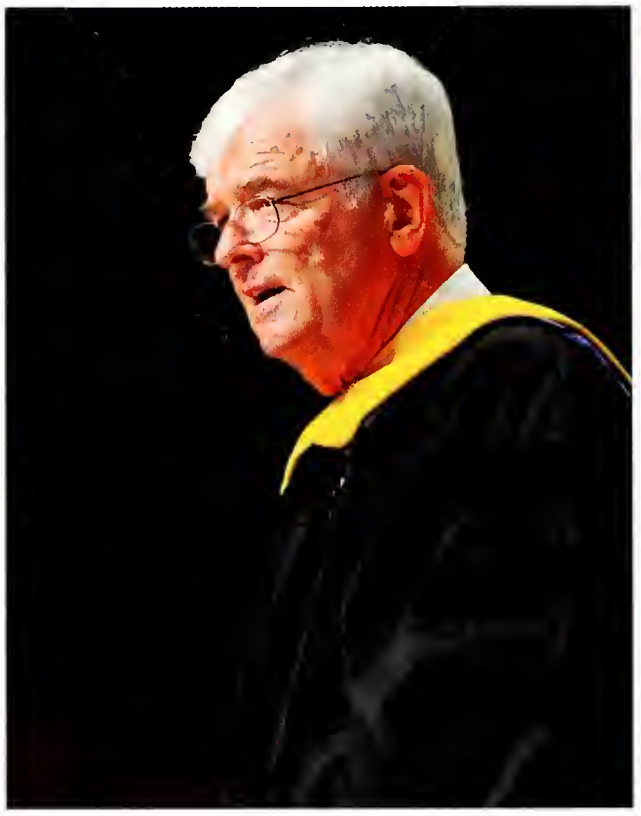

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Retired Sen. John H. Chichester, center, told graduate students that they sometimes have to fail in order to succeed. Upper left and lower right: Families take great pride in their graduates. Lower left: Dean of Student Life Cedric Rucker '81 performs his traditional Commencement Day duty of making graduates look their best.

On Saturday, Wolfe asked the students to imagine him prior to the films and awards. "What if I painted a different picture for you of my life at your age?"

The Virginia Beach native proceeded to tell of his lackluster grades and the four-plus years it took him to graduate as well as the postgraduate moving-in-with-the-parents scenario. A series of low-wage jobs and a dumping by his fiancée followed. Then Wolfe learned of the death of his dear friend and Mary Washington roommate **John Heath '84**. He remembered Heath's passion for life, how he inspired Wolfe, and how they shared a love of film. After leaving Mary Washington, Wolfe said, he slowly allowed his own passion and enthusiasm to wane. "My mistake was actually doing nothing," he said of the stagnant period. "I was consumed with the idea of failure."

In his grief, Wolfe skipped work and took a road trip to Mary Washington. A leaflet on a Lee Hall bulletin board caught his eye: Consider a graduate degree in video and film in Boston. Memories flooded over Wolfe as he recalled the thrill of hosting a junior high tipoff show and a college internship as a radio reporter in Fredericksburg. He remembered his passions, and he decided to take a chance.

Wolfe asked the graduates to do the same as they left college behind: take charge of their lives. Do it, he said, knowing you will make mistakes. If you take the wrong path, choose another, and then another.

"When I finally started taking chances, moving to Boston, and later to Los Angeles," the California resident said, "there was a sense of feeling invigorated and passionate about my decision."

The youth basketball coach and father of two invoked his own father as his role model. He asked the graduates to remember the people who helped get them to commencement, including dedicated professors. And Wolfe thanked a favorite teacher, too.

"Tom Whitman, thank you for exposing me to the world of business and especially marketing," Wolfe said to his Mary Washington mentor. "Through you, I found my passion."

Wolfe congratulated his nephew, **Thomas Wolfe '10**, and later in the ceremony handed the young man his Mary Washington diploma.

The 2010 undergraduate Commencement speaker closed by thanking the University for allowing him to journey back to his college days. "I may be 47, but I feel like I am 21 again," Wolfe said. Mary Washington "has such a special place in my heart. The profound influence it has had on me was never quite realized until many years later."

At Friday night's ceremony for graduate students, 67 master of business administration degrees were awarded, as well as 121 master of education degrees, 12 master of science degrees in management information systems, and

Theatre Professor Gregg Stull '82, right, made history in May when he won the Simpson Award, presented by former Arts and Sciences Dean Rosemary Barra. Below, undergraduates make their way down Campus Walk toward their futures.

Photos by Norm Shafer

40 master of science degrees in elementary education.

On Saturday morning, the University awarded 396 bachelor of arts degrees, 40 bachelor of liberal studies degrees, 56 bachelor of professional studies degrees, and 469 bachelor of science degrees.

Special honors were given to students and faculty during the weekend. The Colgate W. Darden Jr. Award, which is given to the student with the highest grade-point average in the four-year undergraduate program, went to **Elisa Ann Stengel Walker** of Rockville, Md. She graduated with a grade-point average of 3.982.

The Mary W. Pinschmidt Award recipient is selected by the graduating class, which chooses the faculty member they feel they "will most likely remember as the one who had the greatest impact on their lives." The students chose Stephen C. Davies, assistant professor of computer science.

Robert R. Barr, assistant professor of political science, received the UMW Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Member Award. The honor goes to an exceptional faculty member who has served the institution between two and five years.

Gregg Stull '82, who teaches theater and chairs the Department of Theatre and Dance, received the Grellet C. Simpson Award, UMW's most prestigious annual award for excellence in undergraduate teaching. [See sidebar.]

Suzanne G. Houff, professor of education, received the

For Stull, Awards Come in Threes

The awards keep coming for **Gregg Stull '82**. At Commencement in May, the theater professor received University of Mary Washington's highest honor in undergraduate teaching, the Grellet C. Simpson Award. In 1995, the Outstanding Young Faculty Member came from the Alumni Association. And, in 2003, the graduating class selected Stull for the Mary W. Pinschmidt Award, an honor bestowed on the faculty member believed to have the most impact on their lives.

With the Simpson award, Stull is the only professor in the institution's history to win the trifecta of top UMW teaching honors.

Stull, chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance, has also received the Mortar Board Outstanding Faculty Award and has twice been given the Academic Affairs Council Award for Teaching Excellence. He graduated from Mary Washington in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in dramatic arts, earned a master's degree in theater from the University of Maryland in 1986, and joined the UMW faculty in 1991.

A passionate educator, Stull has a hands-on teaching style that has helped students hone life skills. In and out of the classroom, he is an enthusiastic, dedicated, and devoted teacher who challenges aspirants to perform at their highest levels. He supports graduates long after they've launched, often traveling hundreds of miles to see them perform professionally.

Stull is a director and arts manager who has worked extensively throughout the United States and Europe. A specialist in social action and the arts, he has directed two international displays of the entire AIDS Memorial Quilt. He directed the national tour of *Crimes Against Nature*, featuring UMW Professor of Psychology Chris Kilmartin, as well as many UMW productions including *The Laramie Project*, *The Shape of Things*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Nunsense*, *Forever Plaid*, and *Bat Boy*.

An expert on funding, policy, and First Amendment issues involving the arts, Stull consults with arts organizations throughout the country in the areas of strategic planning, artistic assessment, and community engagement. He has served as a panelist for the Ohio Arts Council and as an evaluator for the National Endowment for the Arts.

– Neva S. Trenis '00

College of Graduate and Professional Studies Outstanding Faculty Member Award. This is given to an exceptional full-time faculty member who demonstrates excellence in teaching and professional leadership, and who has taught at the Stafford campus for at least two years.

Five longtime professors and a veteran administrator were awarded emeritus status:

William B. Crawley Jr., Rector and Visitors Chair and distinguished professor of history; Margaret Williamson Huber, distinguished professor of anthropology; Roy H. Smith, distinguished professor of psychology; LeRoy S. Strohl III, University librarian; and Brenda E. Vogel, professor of education and director of education programs. Christina Kakavá, who died earlier this year, was posthumously named professor emerita of linguistics.

Earlier, the following graduating students, all of whom maintained a minimum grade-point average of 3.8, received awards at the College of Graduate and Professional Studies:

Bonita J. Tompkins of Fredericksburg was named Outstanding Bachelor of Professional Studies (BPS) Student. Tompkins completed the BPS with a concentration in leadership and management.

Paul C. Howerton of Woodbridge was named Outstanding Master of Business Administration Student. The deputy program manager at Science Applications International Corp. completed the degree with a concentration in contracts and procurement management. Howerton retired from a 22-year career in the U.S. Army in 2005.

Amanda S. Brown '08 of Fredericksburg was named Outstanding Master of Education Student. Brown, who also has a UMW bachelor of arts degree in music, specialized in instrumental music with a PreK-12 teaching endorsement.

Joseph E. Guthrie '05 of Fredericksburg was named Outstanding Master of Science in Management Information Systems Student. The Science Applications International Corp. manager also serves as an adjunct instructor at UMW. He previously earned a bachelor of professional studies degree from UMW.

In addition, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a professional honor society for women educators, gave its Virginia Scholars Award to **Brianne P. Slattery M.Ed. '10**. The Spotsylvania resident, who completed the master of education degree with a concentration in secondary English education, was recognized for outstanding academic performance and community involvement.

Administrators Assume **Key Roles**

Martin A. Wilder Jr.

The University of Mary Washington has announced two key personnel changes. Veteran UMW administrator Martin A. Wilder Jr. has been named to the newly created position of chief of staff. In his new role, Wilder works closely with the president, providing essential advice and counsel on all matters related to the University.

"As we continue to move forward, I wanted a chief of staff who has in-depth knowledge of how the University functions, has established regional relationships, and possesses the ability to get things done," said Richard V. Hurley, UMW president. "Marty has all those credentials and is perfect for the position."

Under the direction of the president, the chief of staff will advance the interests of the University through work with state legislators, and regional business and government leaders. He will report directly to the president as a member of the president's cabinet and serve as liaison to the Board of Visitors.

Dana Byer German

Also, the University named Dana Byer German to the vacant position of vice president for information technologies and chief information officer.

German returned to her previous place of employment, having served as UMW's executive director of data management and director of information systems from October 1995 through May 2009.

"We could not have found a better candidate for this key position," Hurley said. "Dana has the technical expertise, management skills, and in-depth knowledge of the University and our people. I am delighted she will rejoin our administrative faculty."

Carter Brings Wonder and Celebrity to Orchestra Performance

Accomplished actress and singer Lynda Carter, well known for her TV role as Wonder Woman, performed with the University of Mary Washington Philharmonic Orchestra, formerly the UMW-Community Symphony Orchestra, on April 17.

An Evening with Lynda Carter, held in Dodd Auditorium, was part of the William M. Anderson Jr. Celebrity Series.

The event marked the first time Carter performed her collection of jazz, country and blues music accompanied by an orchestra. Her backup band was made up of many Grammy and Emmy award winners, including blues saxophonist Lou Marini.

UMW Makes Changes Focused on the Future

The University of Mary Washington Board of Visitors in April approved an academic reorganization that establishes a new College of Education, a new College of Business, and a Division of Professional Development and Regional Engagement.

"This new structure will strengthen the University as a whole," said Board Rector **Nanalou West Sauder '56**. "It better serves all UMW students, providing them more opportunity for the future, and it puts us in a stronger position to better serve the regional community."

UMW President Richard V. Hurley said, "I'm very gratified that the Board approved these changes. They are indicative of our forward thinking and progressive approach to offer a top-flight educational experience for current and future students on both our Fredericksburg and Stafford campuses."

The reorganization retains the College of Arts and Sciences and reaffirms its continued prominent and important role at the University while adding the two new colleges. Provost Jay Harper said the changes, which went into effect July 1, will be imperceptible to current students. "Students enrolled in all fields of study will be able to complete their chosen degree programs in the majors they have selected. Over time, we see the new colleges and the new division developing innovative program and course offerings that will enrich the UMW experience for future students," Harper added.

The deans of all three colleges will be based at the Fredericksburg campus. The Stafford campus will host satellite offices for the deans of the College of Business and College of Education and will be the headquarters of the Division of Professional Development and Regional Engagement. The division will manage noncredit training and services that support regional economic development, community collaboration, and professional advancement.

These changes are designed to place greater emphasis on the development of the business and education academic programs, increase operating effectiveness and efficiency, enhance the University's regional services, and provide UMW students with continued high levels of support and quality educational programming.

Richard Finkelstein is the new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Larry W. Penwell, business professor, is acting dean of the new College of Business; Mary L. Gendernalik-Cooper has been named dean of the College of Education; and Meta R. Braymer, former dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, is associate provost of the Division of Professional Development and Regional Engagement.

The division will incorporate the Small Business Development Center headed by Brian Baker, the Center for Professional Development headed by Mark Safferstone, and Advising Services led by Janet Cropp. The division also will oversee the Bachelor of Professional Studies program as students complete their degree requirements.

Librarian Named First Recipient of Hurley Presidential Award

Elmer R. "Juney" Morris Jr. and **Marceline "Marcy" Weatherly Morris** of King George, both Mary Washington alumni of the class of 1950, were so impressed by Rick Hurley's service in 2007 and 2008 as UMW's acting president that they set up a tangible reminder. They established the Richard V. and Rosemary A. Hurley Presidential Commendation, to be presented annually to a UMW employee who performs exceptionally meritorious service while demonstrating strength of character and steadfast dedication to the University's mission.

Little did the Morrises know that two years later Hurley would become UMW's president. In one of his first official acts this spring, during an address to faculty and staff, Hurley presented the first Hurley award.

The recipient is James E. "Jack" Bales, reference and humanities librarian for Simpson Library.

"I am extremely honored to be the inaugural recipient of the Hurley Presidential Commendation," Bales said. "After 30 years at Mary Washington, I still look forward to coming to work every day and I still relish helping students, faculty, staff, and others with research questions."

Since starting at Mary Washington, Bales has shared his knowledge of research techniques with countless students. He has published hundreds of articles, essays, and reviews for numerous books and periodicals. He is the author of several literary studies on American authors, including Horatio Alger, Willie Morris, and Esther Forbes. Bales also has played an instrumental role in the University's annual Great Lives lecture series and in William Crawley's *University of Mary Washington: A Centennial History, 1908-2008*.

This year, nine employees were nominated for the Hurley Presidential Commendation, which will be presented annually.

Bales added, "I hope I can stay [at UMW] at least another 15 years, and I thank all of my colleagues and friends who supported my nomination."

Jack Bales, center, reference and humanities librarian for Simpson Library, is the first recipient of the Hurley Presidential Commendation. Standing with him at the Dodd Auditorium award presentation are, left to right, Rick and Rose Hurley and Marcy and Juney Morris.

Putto Returns to Belmont Gardens

The Garden Club of Virginia has installed a bronze replica of a garden ornament that once adorned the grounds of Gari Melchers Home and Studio at Belmont.

The figure of a chubby nude boy, or putto, is a copy of an original wooden sculpture that former residents, artist Gari Melchers and his wife, Corinne, brought to Belmont from their garden in Holland. It remained the focal point of the south lawn until brought indoors to protect it from the weather.

In 2008, the restoration committee of the Garden Club began the process of restoring the wooden sculpture. The putto appeared in at least one of Melchers' impressionist landscapes, and, in 1927, it was photographed by Frances Benjamin Johnston.

The Garden Club of Virginia also is responsible for the 1994 restoration of the grounds and gardens at Belmont, as well as subsequent projects.

Fulbright Funds Experiences Abroad for Two UMW Students

Two recent UMW graduates, **Farrah Tek '10** and **Emily Potosky '10**, were named Fulbright scholars. They are recipients of prestigious U.S. Fulbright grants for 2010-11. The two awards bring to seven the number of Fulbright grants awarded at UMW, five in the past three years.

Both students are based in Asia, but they are pursuing two distinctly different experiences. Tek is in Cambodia, where she is studying the effects of victim participation on the Extraordinary Chambers in the Court of Cambodia (ECCC). Potosky, who received an English teaching assistantship through Fulbright, is spending a year in South Korea teaching elementary or secondary school students English as a second language.

"We are extremely proud of our two grantees, Farrah Tek and Emily Potosky, as we are of all our Fulbright applicants this year," said Nabil Al-Tikriti, associate professor of history. "This is an outstanding honor and a real accomplishment that puts our fine students and institution in the best light possible."

The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Since 1946, it has offered students, scholars, and professionals the opportunity to study at the graduate level, conduct research, or teach in other countries through its grant programs.

Emily Potosky and Farrah Tek, both members of the UMW Class of 2010, are in Asia taking advantage of Fulbright grants.

Tek, of Bristow, Va., has a personal stake in her study abroad. "I applied to do a research grant in Cambodia," she said, "because my parents are victims of the Khmer Rouge's atrocities."

She will focus on the ECCC, also known as the Cambodian Tribunal, to research the cultural, legal, and anthropological impact of victims as civil parties on an international criminal court. The court was created by the Cambodian government and United Nations to prosecute leaders of the Khmer Rouge regime, a Cambodian communist party in power during the 1970s. During the period, more than 1 million people died or were affected by genocide, including members of Tek's extended family.

She was looking forward to seeing the homeland of her parents for the first time.

At UMW, Tek doubled majored in English and human rights.

Before beginning her assistantship, Potosky, of Chantilly, Va., underwent a six-week orientation that involved Korean language studies, cultural sensitivity lessons, and teaching guidance.

Her experiences at UMW paved the way. As a student aide with the University's Korean Exchange Program, Potosky helped three groups of Korean students acclimate to life in the United States by helping them move into residence halls, showing them around the community, and providing tutoring. She is eager to reunite with the Korean exchange students she befriended during their studies at Mary Washington.

Potosky's year in South Korea won't be her first time abroad. During her junior year, Potosky was awarded a Cultural Envoy Scholarship by the UMW Office of International Academic Services and spent the spring 2008 semester studying in Istanbul, Turkey. That experience influenced her decision to apply for a Fulbright award.

Award-Winning Memories

The Emil Schnellock Award in Painting was given this spring to **Phoebe McMullen '10** of Waterford, Va., for *Faded Memories*. The Department of Art and Art History presents the award to recognize excellence in painting. Here, McMullen is pictured with Art Professor Joe DiBella beside her winning work.

Retirement Reunites Colleagues

A retirement celebration for Distinguished Professor of History William B. "Bill" Crawley Jr. at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center on the evening of graduation witnessed the reunion of four professorial stalwarts from the 1970s. Joining Crawley (pictured second from right) were, left to right, former economics professors John M. "Jack" Albertine and William "Bud" Clatanoff and current Distinguished Professor of Political Science John M. "Jack" Kramer.

All four joined the faculty in the early 1970s. Few social science students of that era did not take classes from at least one of them.

Their tenures at Mary Washington eventually launched Albertine and Clatanoff into other prominent positions. After working as an economic advisor in the federal government for a number of years, Albertine founded Albertine Enterprises Inc., a merchant banking, consulting, and lobbying firm. Clatanoff worked for the U.S. departments of Labor and State. He recently retired after assignments in such areas as Bahrain, Japan, and Switzerland.

Crawley remained at Mary Washington for 40 years prior to his retirement earlier this year. Kramer continues to teach at UMW, serving for the past 27 years as chair of the Department of Political Science and International Affairs.

The UMW connection for three of the four – Albertine, Clatanoff, and Crawley – goes beyond their employment at the University, as they all married Mary Washington graduates. Each of their wives has had her own connection with the institution: **Kathy Deneke Clatanoff '72** taught economics for a time; **Mona Davis Albertine '71** was a member of the Board of Visitors and served as rector from 2004 to 2006; and **Terrie Young Crawley '77** was president of the Mary Washington Alumni Association from 1996 to 1998 and is currently secretary of the UMW Foundation board of directors.

Orchestra Gets New Name and National Distinction

The University of Mary Washington Philharmonic Orchestra and Director Kevin Bartram have been selected as semifinalists for the 2010 American Prize, a national competition designed to recognize the best in performing arts in the United States.

The UMW Philharmonic Orchestra, formerly the University of Mary Washington-Community Symphony Orchestra, placed among nine college and university orchestras, while Bartram was one of 27 directors chosen in the orchestral division. Bartram and the UMW Philharmonic were selected from a pool of applicants from 26 states and the District of Columbia.

The American Prize was founded in 2009 and will be awarded annually in many areas of the performing arts. The prize rewards the best America produces without bias against small city versus large or unknown artist versus well-known. The panel of judges includes distinguished musicians representing every region of the country.

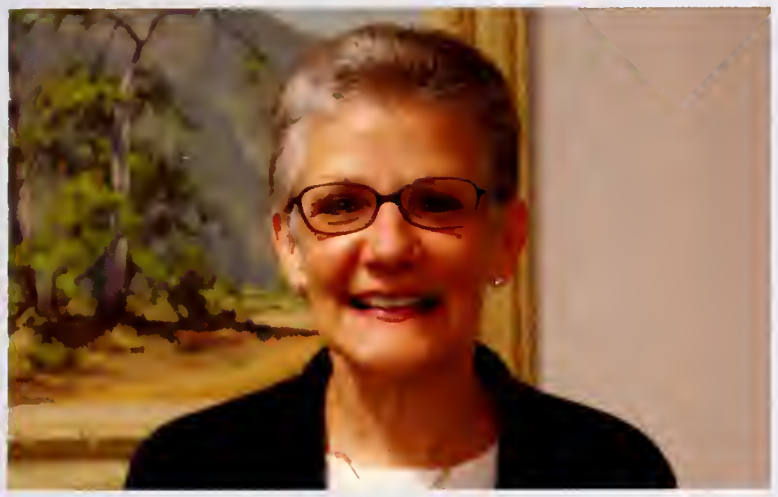
The UMW Philharmonic comprises 90 members from the University and the community. The orchestra performs six or more concerts annually, including the October Masterworks program, a Young People's Concert, two Holiday POPS concerts, the Musical Mix concert, and the July 4th concert at Pratt Park. The group has performed in Paris, the Czech Republic, Austria, and Germany. The orchestra's outreach organization, Fiddlestix, sponsors several children's programs each year.

Bartram is in his eighth year as UMW orchestra director.

Norm Shafer

University of Mary Washington Philharmonic Orchestra

Seasoned Dean to Assume Helm of College of Education



Mary L. Gendernalik-Cooper comes to UMW from Sonoma State University, north of San Francisco, Calif.

Mary L. Gendernalik-Cooper was slated to become dean of the new University of Mary Washington College of Education on Aug. 1, 2010. As chief academic officer for the college, Gendernalik-Cooper will provide leadership and strategic direction for academic programs and curricula on the Fredericksburg and Stafford campuses.

Gendernalik-Cooper will report directly to UMW Provost Jay Harper and will oversee College of Education matters regarding faculty, curriculum, academic programs, and academic support. The College of Education has 21 full-time faculty and additional adjunct faculty.

Harper said Gendernalik-Cooper brings a wealth of experience and a national reputation of excellence to UMW. "She is the right person to lead us forward as we start up the new College of Education," Harper said. "I look forward to her joining the academic affairs team."

Gendernalik-Cooper has served in various capacities at California's Sonoma State University since 2005, most recently as the dean of the School of Education. Prior to serving at Sonoma State, she was dean of the School of Education at Georgia Southwestern State University. She also has held positions at San Diego State University, Augusta State University, Mary Baldwin College, Shippensburg University, the Pennsylvania Academy for the Profession of Teaching, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and Wayne State University.

Gendernalik-Cooper received a master's degree in teaching and a doctoral degree in educational policy studies from Wayne State University. She earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary social science from Michigan State University.

A Tribute to Vogel

Friends and colleagues enthusiastically saluted Brenda E. Vogel at spring events recognizing the longtime education professor's retirement. But education faculty wanted to honor Vogel's legacy in a more enduring way.

In May, they announced a University effort to raise $5,000 by Dec. 31, 2010. The money will go toward the new College of Education as a tribute to Vogel, a UMW education professor for 33 years. The initiative was organized with the help of advancement officials and Meta R. Braymer, associate provost of the UMW Division of Professional Development and Regional Engagement.

"We wanted to do something that would have a lasting and meaningful impact and that would carry on Brenda's legacy," said Jo Tyler, professor of linguistics and education.

Contributors can designate gifts for the College of Education in honor of Vogel. For information about online giving and other ways of donating, visit www.umw.edu/gift/make_a_gift or phone 540/654-1024. Contributions are tax deductible.

Vogel's retirement in May culminated a Mary Washington career that began in 1977. She taught education students on the Fredericksburg campus for 22 years. Then, she became architect and director of the University's successful master of education program on the Stafford campus, where she served for 11 years.

A fund drive for the College of Education has been established as a tribute to retired Education Professor Brenda E. Vogel.

Peter Susko '12, left, and Kevin Kallmyer '10 took UMW to a third-place national debate finish.

UMW Debate Duo is No. 3 in the Nation

UMW placed third at the National Debate Tournament (NDT) at the University of California, Berkeley this spring.

Kevin Kallmyer '10 of Olney, Md., and **Peter Susko '12** of Erie, Pa., were among 78 two-person teams that qualified for the nation's oldest and most prestigious intercollegiate debate championship.

UMW remained in the competition through the semifinal round, beating Georgia State University, Harvard University, and Wake Forest University, to end up with the University's highest finish ever at the national tournament. This is UMW's seventh consecutive year qualifying for the NDT and the third consecutive year it was eliminated by the eventual national champion.

After defeating Kallmyer and Susko, Michigan State University went on to win the national championship with a victory against Northwestern University in the tournament's final debate.

"The National Debate Tournament is the most challenging and grueling academic competition in higher education today," said Timothy O'Donnell, UMW director of debate and associate professor of communication. "The students accomplished something unprecedented in school history and remarkable for a public institution of our size."

Ben Saunders '11 and **Sean Slattery '10** also competed at the tournament.

This year's tournament topic focused on the size and role of the U.S. nuclear weapons arsenal.

The NDT finish capped a year of noteworthy accomplishments for UMW debaters, including a third-place finish at the Harvard University tournament in October, a fifth-place finish at the University of Texas at Austin in February, and a second-place finish at the American Debate Association's championships at Vanderbilt University in early March.

Board Honors Retiring Historian

William B. Crawley Jr.

At its May meeting, the UMW Board of Visitors took several actions related to the retirement of University Historian and Distinguished Professor of History William B. Crawley Jr.

In addition to approving the establishment of an endowment for student research in his name, the Board recognized Crawley's "infinite contributions" over the past four decades with the naming of the new William B. Crawley Jr. Seminar Room inside Monroe Hall.

The William B. Crawley Jr. Endowment for Student Research was established by Crawley's wife, **Theresa Young Crawley '77**. It will provide support for students majoring in history and American studies who are engaged in significant research projects that require travel or the acquisition of materials that cost more than the department or the student can afford. As she noted in establishing the endowment, Terrie Crawley said that one of her husband's most significant legacies is the central role that undergraduate research plays in both the history and the American studies majors.

During his tenure as chair of the Department of History and American Studies, Professor Crawley helped initiate HIST 485: Historical Research, the required senior thesis that has long been one of the signature experiences of UMW history majors. This capstone experience requires all majors to hone their skills in historical research and writing by engaging themselves in the analysis of primary source materials.

The William B. Crawley Jr. Seminar Room will be unveiled when renovations are complete at Monroe Hall, the institution's first academic building. Monroe originally opened for classes in 1911, and it was the longtime home of UMW's Department of History and American Studies.

Comb in Monroe

UMW goes to great heights to save honeybees

Beekeeper John Adams, upper right, created quite a buzz when he began evacuating approximately 10,000 bees from their longtime home in a comb, pictured in pieces above left, atop a column outside Monroe Hall.

There was a real buzz on the Mary Washington campus this spring, particularly around Monroe Hall.

As reconstruction crews began work on the façade of the school's oldest building, an estimated 10,000 longtime residents had to be safely evacuated.

Students?

Faculty?

Staff?

No, *Apis mellifera*, more commonly known as honey bees.

"I've known about the bee colony for the past 16 years, and they may have been there for more than 20 years," said Bruce Blair, facilities services inspector. "We knew we would need to figure out what to do with them as we planned for the renovation of Monroe."

Tori Wong '11, UMW student sustainability coordinator, saw a golden opportunity with the bees. "This was an exciting way to demonstrate UMW's commitment to sustainability and our respect for the environment," she said. "Several beekeepers were contacted to discuss the viability of safely relocating this very large hive. Since the hive was about 40 feet off the ground, it took a special person to undertake the task."

That special person was Virginia beekeeper John Adams of Urbanna, who dismissed any fear of heights as he surveyed the site of the hive. He put together a unique vacuum system that minimized harm to the insects as he gathered them. With Blair at his side in a man-lift truck high above Campus Drive, Adams collected an estimated 4,000 bees the first day and 6,000 on the second, including a real treasure, the queen bee.

Using a saw, Adams cut away parts of the large capital atop the column and revealed an extensive honeycomb inside, measuring more than three feet long and almost completely filling the 4-by-4-foot area. The comb hung in sheets and contained honey, pollen, and bee larvae in its thousands of cells. The comb was carefully cut away by the beekeeper and placed in bee box frames, and the bees were returned to the comb. Their new home is a rural area near Richmond.

The University considered it critical to preserve the colony. In recent years, U.S. bee populations have experienced a dramatic decline due to a phenomenon known as "colony collapse disorder."

"I want everyone to know about the relocation effort," Wong said. "It says so much about who we are as a university."

– George Farrar

On Time, On Budget

Ribbon-cutting for Eagle Village signals a new era at UMW

President Richard V. Hurley and Rector Nanalou West Sauder, center, accept a key from Foundation Chair Kathleen Mehfoud.

"Wow!"

"I wouldn't mind living here!"

"This is spectacular!"

Such expressions were heard throughout the evening on July 16 as several thousand visitors toured model apartments and an office suite at Eagle Village, the ambitious and innovative multiple-use project that has transformed the landscape of Fredericksburg and energized the community.

At a festive – and hot – ribbon-cutting ceremony preceding the open house, UMW President Richard V. Hurley lauded the partnerships that made Phase 1 of Eagle Village possible. Not only did the University team up with the UMW Foundation, but the Foundation formed alliances with the City of Fredericksburg and numerous regional businesses and organizations.

In addition to Eagle Landing, the 156-unit student apartment building, and an adjacent building that houses retail shops, offices, and a parking garage, the showpiece of the project's first phase is a 214-foot pedestrian bridge over U.S. Route 1. "As students from Eagle Landing walk or bike across the pedestrian bridge to attend classes, and community members cross the bridge to shop and dine in Eagle Village – or go the other direction to attend athletic and cultural events on campus – everyone benefits from these connections and interactions," Hurley said.

Among those in attendance at the ribbon-cutting ceremony were University administrators, members of the UMW Board of Visitors and the Foundation Board, city officials, and representatives from the project contractors and the leasing organization. UMW Foundation Chair **Kathleen Mehfoud '70** presented a symbolic key to Hurley and Board of Visitors Rector **Nanalou West Sauder '56** to highlight the relationship between the two entities.

The UMW Foundation, which has invested $115 million thus far in the Eagle Village project, was pleased that the first phase was completed on time and within budget. Construction began in March of 2009 and was completed 496 days later.

On Aug. 18, 624 students will move into Eagle Landing, which features two-bedroom, two-bath premium apartments with full kitchens and furnished living areas. A rotunda on the first floor, with parlor-like furnishings and a custom-designed carpet, has a mammoth fireplace with a 55-inch flat-screen television. A staircase leads to a second-floor billiards room. The terrace atop the rotunda has tables and chairs and offers a panoramic view of Fredericksburg. Eagle Landing's landscaped courtyard area also has tables and chairs, along with an artificial turf field.

The adjacent multi-use building, which also houses the parking garage, will include an office suite for the UMW Foundation as well as University Relations and Communications. Other office space is available, as are retail outlets.

A number of retail establishments already have committed to Eagle Village. The Foundation is meeting the No. 1 request of both students and community members by leasing space to Blackstone Coffee, a European-style coffeehouse that will also offer New York bagels, French baguette sandwiches, and a selection of homemade pastries. Also on board are Home Team Grill, a popular Richmond-based sports restaurant that will become Eagle Village's largest food establishment; Pancho Villa Express, a locally owned business that will offer a "fresh-Mex" concept with an open kitchen and grill and a custom margarita bar for patrons of legal drinking age; and Salad Creations, a worldwide franchise that offers made-to-order salads, sandwich wraps, panini, and soups.

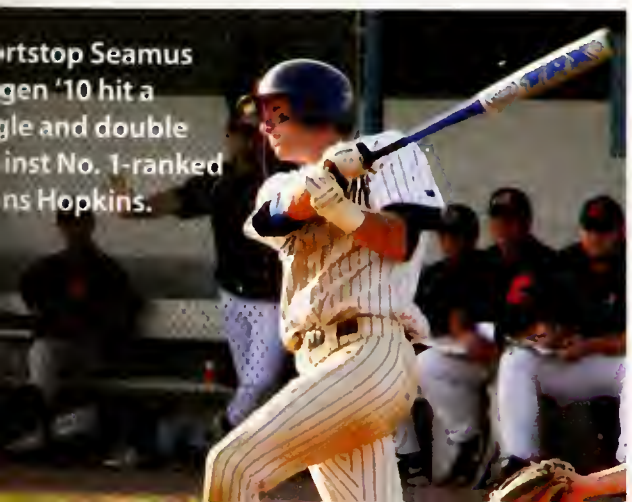
Eagles Soar to Unparalleled Success in Spring Sports

University of Mary Washington varsity athletic teams shattered records this spring, with six teams or individuals from those teams advancing to NCAA championship competition. In addition, seven Eagle athletes achieved All-American status and swimmer **Nina Sawyer '10** was selected as the Capital Athletic Conference's (CAC) nominee for the prestigious NCAA Woman of the Year award.

Nina Sawyer '10 is the Capital Athletic Conference's nominee for NCAA Woman of the Year.

Baseball

Undefeated in tournament play, the UMW baseball team won the Capital Athletic championship for the first time since 2005. The Eagles, with a 28-14 season record, downed York College, Stevenson University, Salisbury University, and Wesley College in gaining the eighth CAC title in the program's history. The team went on to defeat York and LaGrange College in the NCAA Tournament and finished third in the region. **Will Wright '10** gained first team all-region honors after batting .471, and **Eric Rehbein '11** also made the all-region team. Head Coach Tom Sheridan claimed conference Coach of the Year for the 13th time in his 22 years at UMW.



The 2009-10 women's lacrosse team advanced to the third round of the NCAA Tournament.

Men's Lacrosse

The UMW men's lacrosse team won eight games this season, and advanced to the CAC Tournament semifinals in Salisbury, Md. The Eagles counted among their victims Christopher Newport University, McDaniel College, Wooster College, Wesley College, and York College. Leading scorers **Harry Snyder '12** and **Mark Bowler '11** and the defensive efforts of goalie **Matt Prin '12** – who earlier broke the school single-game record for saves – led the squad, as did all-CAC middie **Brian Meaney '11**.

Women's Lacrosse

The women's lacrosse team advanced to the third round of the NCAA Tournament this season, posting 12 wins. Led by All-America attackers **Catherine Kennedy '12** and **Allie Kimmelman '12**, UMW was nationally ranked all season long and defeated ranked teams such as Stevenson University, Roanoke College, Elizabethtown College, and St. John Fisher College. The Eagles ranked as one of the top offensive teams in the nation in both points and assists. Kimmelman led the nation in assists with 60, and Kennedy ranked in the top five in the nation with 81 goals scored. The Eagles closed the season ranked 12th in the nation, their highest ranking of the year.

Softball

The Eagle softball team finished the season tied for fourth place in the Capital Athletic Conference, posting a 6-6 record in league play. **Elizabeth Crowe '12**, who achieved two team highs by hitting .412 with eight home runs and 33 RBIs, led the team in hitting. **Kaitlin Petrella '10** ended her career as the school's all-time leader in hits, doubles, and home runs. With

Photos by Clint Often

just two starters lost to graduation, the Eagles will look to return to the CAC championship game and gain even more accolades in 2011.

Men's Tennis

The Eagle men's tennis team won its 11th straight Capital Athletic Conference championship, having again gone undefeated in league matches this spring. With three freshmen in the starting six in singles, UMW won 13 matches against a schedule that included many Division I and nationally ranked Division III opponents. The Eagles advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament, where **Evan Goff '10** and **Kaz Murata '11** gained All-America honors in doubles, and **Sam Wichlin '13** advanced to the NCAAs in singles.

Sam Wichlin '13

Casey Malcolm '12

Photos by Clint Often

Women's Tennis

The UMW women's tennis team won the Capital Athletic Conference Championship with a 16-8 record and a national ranking of 16th. With just one senior on the roster, the Eagles went undefeated in conference play, and the team beat such schools as Towson University, Skidmore College, Oberlin College, and Swarthmore College in nonconference matchups. The Eagles hosted the NCAA Division III national championships in late May, where they advanced to the second round.

UMW's Hegmann Named **Regional Athletic Director of the Year**

Ed Hegmann

University of Mary Washington Athletic Director Ed Hegmann was named regional athletic director of the year by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics in June. Hegmann is the Division III Southeast Region winner of the NACDA Under Armour® AD of the Year Award.

The Pittsburgh, Pa., native joined Mary Washington in 1976, when the school had six sports. Under his guidance that number grew to 23 – all but one of which have advanced to national championship competitions during his tenure. Hegmann coached the UMW women's tennis team for 23 years and led the Eagles to three national championships: the AIAW national title in 1982 and NCAA Division III titles in 1988 and 1991.

A master of planning athletic venues, Hegmann was a major catalyst in the development of the Battleground Athletic Complex, regarded as one of the finest outdoor facilities in the nation. Hegmann was instrumental in developing the UMW Indoor Tennis Center, which allowed the school to host both men's and women's tennis national championships in the past five years. Built in 2005, the six-court indoor complex augmented the University's 12-court lighted outdoor facility.

The William M. Anderson Center, which is under construction, has given Hegmann another opportunity to put his skills to work. The 2,000-seat basketball and volleyball arena will allow UMW to host NCAA competition at the highest levels in those sports.

Hegmann earned his undergraduate degree from Bucknell University, his master's degree from Springfield College, and his doctorate from Temple University. He accepted the regional athletic director award at the 45th Annual NACDA Convention in Anaheim, Calif., in June.

Men's Track

The Eagle men's track and field team featured many top performances during a season in which they finished second at the Capital Athletic Conference championships. The Eagle throwers and distance runners were again the team's strengths, as **Matt Geller '12** posted NCAA provisional throws in outdoor season. **Matt Cash '10** and **Jason Driscoll '10** won conference championships, and Cash won two events – the 800 and 1500 meters. Cash went on to gain All-America honors in the 800 meters at outdoor championships.

Women's Track

The UMW women's track and field team kicked off the outdoor season with six individual wins and five relay wins at the Battleground Relays, and the team stayed consistently strong throughout the year. UMW finished second at the CAC Championships, with first-place finishes by **Lynette Humphries '10**, **Michelle Sutherland '13**, **Rebecca Campbell '11**, **Nicole Ditto '12**, and the 4 x 400-meter relay team. Ditto qualified provisionally for the NCAAs with her triple jump.

Riding

The UMW riding team finished second in the regional standing. **Mary Ryan Richardson '11** gained the national championship in novice equitation over fences at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association national show in May. The Eagles qualified five riders for the zone championships as well. UMW took home first-place finishes at its own show in February as well as at the University of Maryland.

Men's Rowing

The Eagle men's rowing team finished second in the Mid Atlantic Rowing Conference championships in York, Pa., after competing in races in Philadelphia, Camden, and Occoquan this spring.

Women's Rowing

The UMW women's rowing team sent its varsity eight boat to the NCAA Championships this May for only the second time in school history. The event took place in Gold River, Calif. The Eagles' **Karolyn Milton '10** gained All-America honors, and Head Coach Richard Wilson took conference co-Mid Atlantic Rowing Conference Coach of the Year honors.

The UMW women's rowing team practices in the early dawn.

Clint Often

Taken for Granite

After nearly a decade, Spirit Rock is a campus landmark

Neva Trenis

Lynda Richardson

Spirit Rock is a place for students to express themselves, but it also has become a meeting point and campus landmark.

You can't miss the 20-ton boulder fixed in the steep hillside by Willard Hall, and you're not meant to. Spirit Rock is where UMW has its uncensored say.

Armed with latex paint, rollers, and brushes, students use the long flat sides of the granite loaf to advertise events, declare love, quote literature, and sometimes simply have fun. Rising over Campus Walk as you climb the hill from Woodard Hall to the Fountain, the behemoth has been canvas on which to express political views, shout out to Eagle athletic teams, and even share deep sorrow.

When a classmate died in June, a group of friends expressed their loss. "We will miss you," one painted. "See you in another life." In 2001, the year Spirit Rock was installed, Psychology Professor Christopher Bill's unexpected death inspired the message, "Thanks for Everything, Dr. Bill."

The idea for Spirit Rock came from **Brooks L'Allier '99**, then UMW Student Association president. He wanted UMW students to have a place to express themselves as peers did at other schools – think University of Virginia's Beta Bridge or the Tufts University cannon. A Culpeper

quarry donated a granite boulder, and, with then-President William M. Anderson Jr.'s support, it became part of the campus landscape.

At first, some members of the Mary Washington community were skeptical, even critical, about the car-sized stone. But today it is one of the most known and most utilized campus icons. After years of collecting drips, the base of Spirit Rock sports a fringe of tiny, colorful stalactites. Last winter, the layer on layer of latex had built up such a deep crust that the stone's leathery skin began to crack. Students picked at it until, little by little, nine years of paint buildup peeled away, leaving bare granite for about a day.

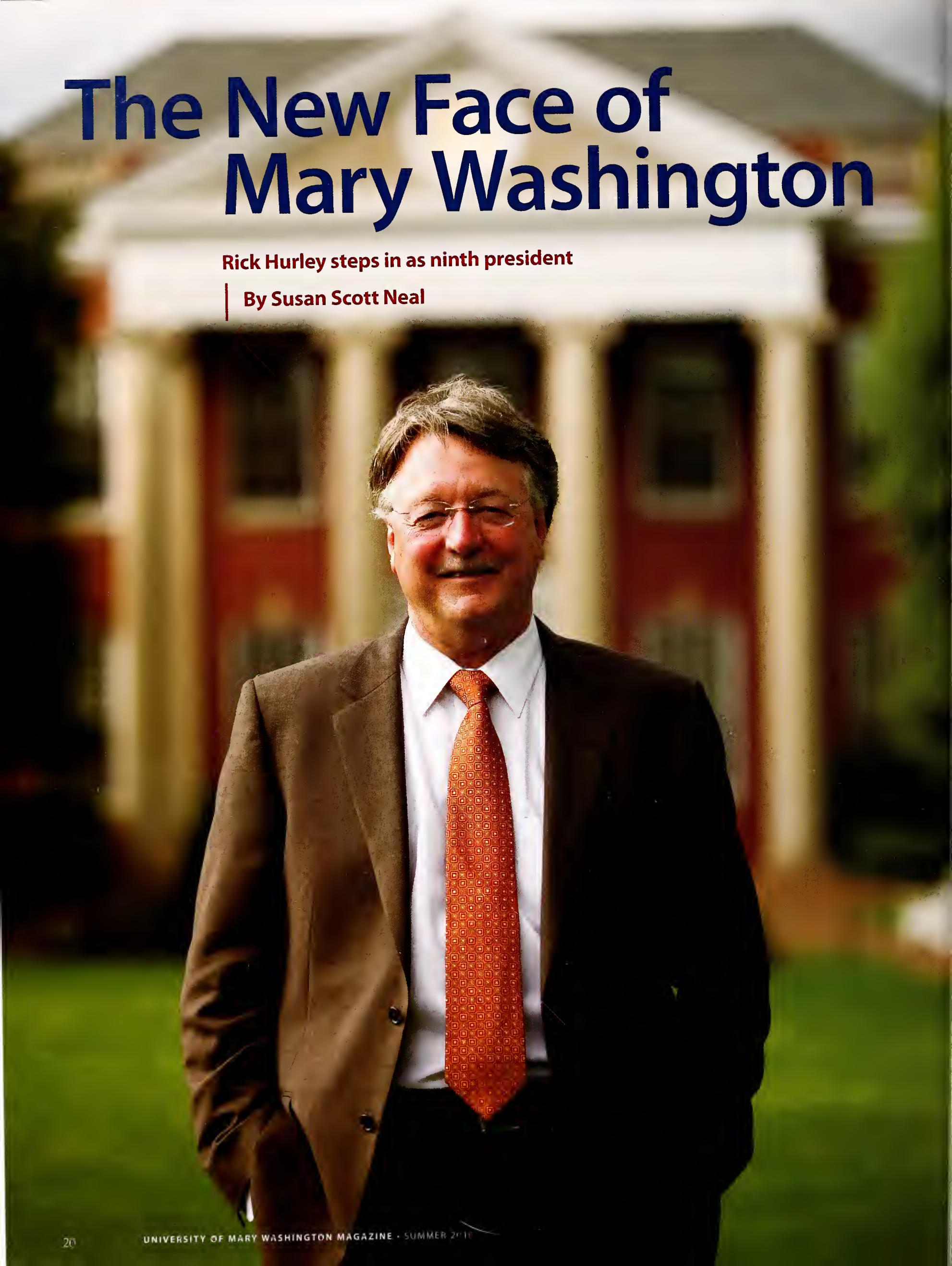
Any member of the UMW community may paint Spirit Rock, but the UMW Handbook provides guidelines, in many ways reiterative of the institution's Statement of Community Values: Be considerate; don't paint over another's message for at least 24 hours; don't be vulgar or obscene.

The Office of Student Activities and Community Service provides students with gallons of colorful latex paint for the rock, but any type of paint is allowed – except spray paint. That might damage vegetation and the area around the rock. The No. 1 rule about Spirit Rock comes straight from the handbook. "Most importantly, have fun while painting the rock and make it colorful and creative!"

The New Face of Mary Washington

Rick Hurley steps in as ninth president

By Susan Scott Neal



It doesn't take a Ph.D. to explain how Rick Hurley approaches his new job.

Three one-syllable words do the trick: *Bring it on.*

Bring it all on, from the freshman ice cream social at Brompton to meetings about the strategic plan, from soccer games and tennis matches to faculty meetings and fundraisers, from the President's Travel Club Vietnam-Cambodia trip to alumni events in New York and bingo nights on campus.

Hurley is eager for everything that lies ahead in his new role as president of the University of Mary Washington. For all matters great and small in this unexpected endeavor, he is ready.

In a turn of events that still takes his breath away, Richard V. Hurley became the University's ninth president on July 1. He succeeds Judy G. Hample, whose two-year tenure ended on June 30 following her resignation on April 1.

Hurley has been moving into the office down the hall, officiating at Commencement, and leading the University at a time when he had anticipated kicking back and leisurely contemplating the next chapter of his life. Last fall, Hurley, 63, announced that he would retire from his position at UMW effective May 1.

Hample's unexpected decision to depart led immediately to Hurley's postponement of retirement and his designation as acting president. Nine days later, the Board of Visitors announced they had selected him as president.

By choosing Hurley from within rather than hiring an outside firm to conduct a search, the board placed its faith in a man who had already led the University through a difficult transition following the departure of former president William J. Frawley. Hurley, UMW's chief financial officer, then served as acting president from May 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008.

"He is the right person for the job," said Board Rector **Nanalou West Sauder '56** in announcing his selection as president.

"Rick has the knowledge, experience, and leadership qualities needed to move the University forward. The outpouring of support for his candidacy from faculty, staff, students, alumni, and the community was remarkable."

Indeed, Hurley seemed the logical, popular choice for a job that he had loved and embraced as acting president, but to which he never dared aspire.

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>
> – Rector Nanalou Sauder

For starters, there's no doctorate degree on his résumé. Hurley comes from a blue-collar background in which not even a bachelor's degree was deemed necessary. Back in 1965 when he graduated from Penns Grove High School in Carney's Point, N.J., "everybody went to work at DuPont," he said. "My dad worked there, so I did, too."

But after a year, "with the draft breathing down my neck," Hurley felt a sense of responsibility to serve his country, so he enlisted in the Army. He subsequently served in Vietnam, came home, married a hometown girl, and went back to work at DuPont.

Then he tried construction, then a job in a gas station. By this time, he and wife Rose had a baby, and it slowly dawned on him that pumping gas on the New Jersey Turnpike wasn't

Norm Shafer

Hurley at the helm: left, on his 44-foot Carver cabin cruiser, which he and wife Rose take out on the Potomac River every chance they get; and right, on Campus Walk, where students seek him out

going to provide for his family.

Some of his co-workers were part-time college students. "I was intrigued by the fact that they were working and going to school at the same time," Hurley said. "I took college-prep in high school and had taken the SAT, but I never even considered going to college and it really wasn't expected of me. But being around those other guys changed the way I thought about it."

So, at the age of 25, he signed up for three classes at Richard Stockton College in nearby Brigantine, N.J.

Those were some lean years, he recalled.

"Fortunately I had the GI Bill to help," he said, "but to make ends meet, I worked construction, I worked as a waiter, I pumped gas, I loaded UPS trucks at 4 a.m. I did whatever I could to make some money. And Rose did, too. While studying full time at a nearby community college, she was taking care of our daughter, working as a hostess, selling Avon – she did whatever jobs she could find."

Hurley majored in environmental studies, receiving his bachelor's degree at the age of 29. He intended to be a forest ranger.

But Stockton's president had another idea. They'd become acquainted on the racquetball court at Stockton, and the president perceived in the young man a strong work ethic, common sense, and a lot of promise. When the president moved to Vermont to head up the state college system there, he remembered Hurley and offered him a job as his top assistant.

The Hurleys both grew up in families that stayed put, and Rick and Rose thought they would also settle in the same area of New Jersey where they'd grown up. "The notion of having a career and moving around was completely new to us," he said.

But Hurley accepted the job in Vermont, took weekend classes to earn a master's degree in public administration, and has worked in higher education ever since. Choosing that path instead of another led to the serendipitous place where he finds himself today.

"My goal was to become a vice president of finance at the college level, and I thought that would be the pinnacle of my career; I didn't need a Ph.D. for that," Hurley said. "Never in a million years did I dream of becoming a college president."

Most colleges and universities do require doctoral degrees of their presidents, and in the past Mary Washington was no exception. But Hurley's previous experience as acting president and his ready knowledge of the institution outweighed that requirement. His open personality and engaging manner also made him an appealing choice.

Hurley has been at Mary Washington since 2000, when then-President William M. Anderson lured him from Longwood, where he had served as vice president for administration and finance since 1985. Prior to his tenure at

Longwood, Hurley had spent four years with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

At Mary Washington, he has been the institution's chief financial officer, as well as head of facilities and capital projects, public safety, human resources, and business operations. He also served as treasurer of the University of Mary Washington Foundation, where he was instrumental in developing the University's first public/private partnership, Eagle Village.

Hurley has a deep, working knowledge of UMW, cordial relations with faculty and staff, excellent rapport with students, and widespread respect. He is seen as candid and honest, thoughtful and supportive, intelligent and instinctive. And though he is nearly bursting with excitement these days, he is modest and unassuming.

Not long ago, he was at a meeting of the BB&T Bank Advisory Board, of which he is a member, and someone he'd never met asked him what he does. Hurley replied, "I work at the University of Mary Washington." Someone else at the table laughed and shared the information that Hurley is the *president* of the university.

Hurley also received a Bronze Star for service in Vietnam, but he must be nudged to talk about it.

Hurley firmly believes his working-class background has played a significant role in his success. "It's made me who I am today," he said.

"When I was working construction, I'd hate it when the white hats came in and treated us in condescending ways," he said. "I felt people looking down their noses at me, and I'll never do that to anyone else. I may be the president, but I can have a friendly conversation with someone who's mopping the floor or cutting grass. I want everyone to feel special."

Faculty and staff alike recognize that – and they returned the favor at Hurley's first formal appearance before them as acting president. UMW employees broke into a spontaneous and hearty standing ovation.

"There was a sense of elation when he was named president," said Martin A. Wilder Jr., Hurley's chief of staff and an administrator at Mary Washington for 30 years. "Rick understands that the University is a place made up of people, and he relates so well to people. He's honest and forthright, and he's very down-to-earth and approachable."

On top of that, Wilder said, Hurley comes to the job with solid administrative skills. "I also think he will be a visionary leader. He'll place his stamp on the institution in some very exciting ways."

Susan Worrell says she could tell that Hurley was "someone special" from the very first day she met him. As director of catering for a contract firm the University used 10 years ago, she arranged an elegant welcoming luncheon for Rick and Rose on the lawn of their new home in Spotsylvania County's Lee's Hill subdivision. Worrell immediately recognized Hurley's genuine good nature and respect for others.

Over the years, Worrell also came to see Hurley's leadership qualities. "Rick is just a nice, normal person, yet he's presidential," she said.

Worrell is now a member of Hurley's staff. As special assistant to the president for University events, she has seen firsthand his finesse in building a team and getting things accomplished. "He's so enthusiastic himself, and you get caught up in his excitement. You just want to charge up the hill with him," she said.

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>
> – Martin A. Wilder Jr.

Hurley attributes his likability to genes. He said he inherited "the best of both of my parents – my dad's interpersonal skills and my mom's organizational skills."

The second of five children, he grew up in a "typical nuclear family in a cookie-cutter neighborhood." His genial father was involved in local politics and community activities. "There were always people in our house," Hurley said. "There were meetings and socializing going on all the time."

Behind the scenes, his mother kept the household running smoothly. "I can still remember her linen closet," he said. "All the items were lined up neatly on the shelves. That's how she was with everything."

Not a bit of clutter exists in Hurley's handsome office in George Washington Hall. There are lots of family

photographs, but papers are stacked neatly on his desk and pens are put away. He's brought some of his favorite books from home for the shelves and an Oriental rug for the floor.

"My parents never had an Oriental rug, and I never dreamed of having one," he said. "But I sure like them now."

Hurley isn't loud and boisterous, but he genuinely adores everything about socializing, from making small talk with students on Campus Walk to chatting with people at meetings or dancing at parties. "I do love everything about people," he said. "I love meeting new people and hearing what they have to say."

Hurley said his social skills make it easy for him to be an ambassador for UMW, a role he says he has always taken seriously. And with Rose at his side, the University is getting two emissaries for the price of one.

Rose's 25-year career as an IT professional included three years at UMW, from which she retired two years ago. She came to love the students as much as Rick does, and she's just as much a "people person" as her husband.

"She's naturally curious, and she absolutely thrives on meeting new people and getting to know them," he said. "I've watched her work a crowd from across the room, and it's just amazing to see."

Rose said she simply adored her role when Rick was acting president the first time, and she can't wait to do her part again to help him and the University, whether it involves travel to distant cities for alumni gatherings or entertaining at Brompton, the President's residence.

William B. Crawley Jr.

Team Hurley: Rick and Rose, pictured here enjoying a place they love – the water.

"I loved everything about it," she said. "I especially love talking to older alums about what they remember about the college and what was special to them. I'm always so touched and impressed with how much love they have for the University, and Rick and I want to do whatever we can to create that kind of enthusiasm and passion for today's students."

The Hurleys are truly a team in this late-life, unexpected venture. They share many of the same goals: strengthening student, faculty, and community relationships; being visible and involved in campus events; staying in touch with alumni; and opening Brompton as much as possible.

On a larger scale, they want to enhance the University's appeal to new students and step up efforts to make the campus community more diverse.

On a personal level, the Hurleys say the University presidency came their way at exactly the right time. Rose was diagnosed with lymphoma in 2008 at the end of Hurley's previous tenure as acting president. It is in remission now, but both say the experience has made them stronger and more spiritual. "Today I'm feeling absolutely fine," she said. "I have plenty of energy, and I'm just so excited to do anything I can to help Rick."

The couple loves entertaining, and they expect to throw the doors open at Brompton for lots of occasions, both large and small, formal and casual. "We want to bring a homey feel back to Brompton," she said.

Rose looks forward to many gatherings, both for fun and to foster relationships. She's planning student lotteries throughout the school year and will treat the winners to dinner with the president. She also wants to entertain civic leaders as she and Rick did once before by inviting the Fredericksburg City Council to dinner. The Hurleys plan to make a habit of entertaining faculty, alumni, and the Board of Visitors.

Undoubtedly, Rose will continue to offer students her baked ziti casserole, or perhaps a pot of homemade chicken soup made from her grandmother's recipe. Old-fashioned comfort food is her forte.

As much as the Hurleys expect to thrive in their new roles, they both realize the importance of striking a balance.

"Rick would like to be visible all over campus and go to every event that takes place, and he would love doing that because he's that kind of person," Rose said. "But we're going to have to look at the calendar and decide what he can attend and what he can't."

Off the job, the Hurleys have adjusted to the notion of delayed retirement and already know how to balance work and leisure. They have remained close to their three children, all of whom are college graduates, married, and living in Richmond. Five precious grandchildren visit frequently, and the entire extended family is eager for more happy times at Brompton.

"When we lived there before for nine months, the children explored every nook and cranny of that place," he said. "It's just a wonderful home for a family. Now they all say that at the first hint of a big snowstorm next winter, they're heading up so we can all be snowed in together."

But don't go knocking on the kitchen door at Brompton on weekends during warm weather, because the Hurleys won't be there. Most every weekend, they escape to the Potomac River to explore and relax aboard their 44-foot Carver cabin cruiser, which Hurley calls "a floating condominium."

The boat sleeps eight and features all the conveniences of home, a far cry from their first little watercraft, an 18-foot Whirlwind with a 40-horsepower outboard motor.

Big boats, Oriental rugs, and material possessions are nice, and they're luxuries Hurley appreciates. But at the end of the day, he knows that people are most important.

He wishes his parents were alive to see where their young rascal has wound up. "I wasn't the easiest child to raise," he said. "But wow – I'm now the president of the University of Mary Washington. Sometimes this huge sense of responsibility floods over me.

"But," he added, "I can't let that get to me. I'm just going to follow my instincts. I think my instincts about people and issues are pretty good, and they've gotten me this far. And what a remarkable place this is." 🏛

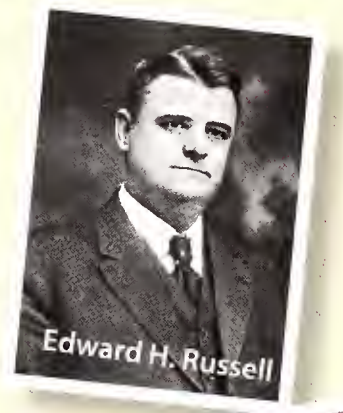
Norm Shafer

"Sometimes, this huge sense of responsibility floods over me," said Rick Hurley, seen here returning to his office in George Washington Hall.

Presidential Passages

Despite crises and controversies, Mary Washington remains resilient

Although the recent turnover in the Mary Washington presidency – "Brompton's Revolving Door," *The Bullet* called it – has been extraordinary, such administrative crises are by no means unprecedented at the University. The lengthy tenures of several chief executives, notably the 25-year and the 23-year presidencies of Morgan L. Combs and William M. Anderson respectively, tend to obscure the fact that turmoil has occurred with some frequency through the years at Mary Washington.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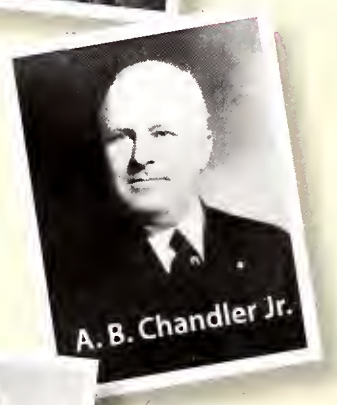
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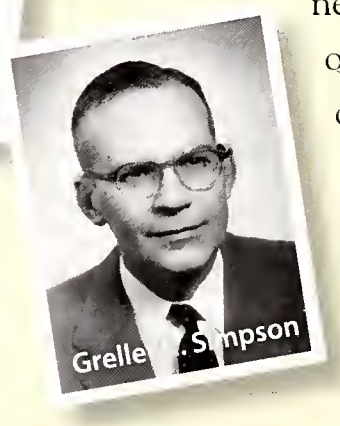

Grellet C. Simpson

Indeed, the tenure of the institution's founding president, Edward H. Russell, ended abruptly in 1919 when he resigned 11 years after he had been appointed. The exact reasons for his sudden departure are unclear. His statement of resignation attributed the decision to concerns about his health, but it seems to have been prompted by significant campus upheaval, during which a number of faculty members left the institution. (If health was truly his concern, his recovery seems to have been complete. He lived to be 90, not dying until 1959.)

Russell's successor, A. B. Chandler Jr., was a member of the original faculty and was serving as dean at the time of his appointment. President throughout most of the 1920s, Chandler proved a very popular leader, both on campus and in the community. His tenure ended unexpectedly with his death from a stroke in 1928 at the age of 58.

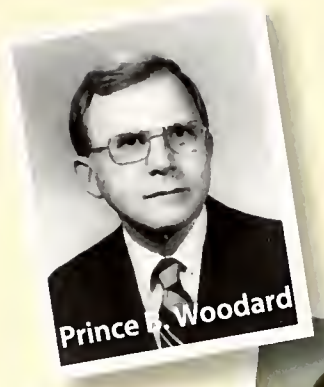
His successor, Morgan Lafayette Combs, was only 35 years old when selected to be the school's third president. Hollywood-handsome, holder of a doctorate from Harvard, and exceedingly well-connected politically in Virginia, Combs was to become the longest-serving president in the institution's first century. By the time of his departure in 1955, he had overseen progress of the school from a teacher's college to a liberal arts institution to the women's branch of the University of Virginia. Along the way, he directed a program of campus expansion so extensive as to justify the comment that he was "quite simply, the president who built the place."

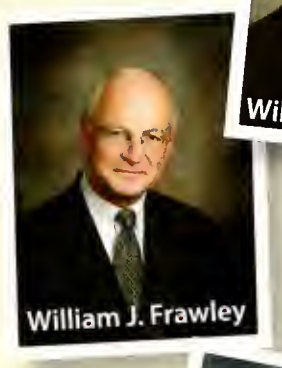
Yet for Combs, the end was not good. For reasons not altogether clear – whether derived from problems mental or physical (or a combination of both) – Combs began to act with uncharacteristic imprudence in the mid-1950s. So erratic was his behavior that the Board of Visitors in 1954 essentially demoted him to a figurehead; though he retained the title of president, real authority for running the college devolved upon Dean Edward Alvey and Bursar Edgar Woodward.

The arrangement failed, as Combs chafed under the new constraints. Further acrimony led the Board to summarily remove him in April 1955, with Alvey becoming de facto president. It was a sad day for the proud Combs, prompting a Richmond newspaper to comment that "the mistakes of a few months should not be permitted to obscure the labor of a lifetime."

Though there were many admirers who believed – and hoped – that Alvey would be named president permanently, he withdrew his name from consideration, opening the way for the selection of Grellet C. Simpson, previously dean at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland. For the next two decades, Simpson worked assiduously and successfully to elevate the academic standing of Mary Washington, while leading it through milestone developments including racial integration, implementation of coeducation, and separation from the University of Virginia. Though such developments inevitably attracted criticism from time to time, Simpson himself generally avoided condemnation and, in fact, became a venerated figure, especially among the faculty.

Even Simpson, however, was unable to remain completely unscathed by public criticism. In his case, it came after his retirement when his move into state-owned and MWC-administered Belmont prompted negative responses in the community. Controversy receded when the former president and his wife purchased their own home in Fredericksburg.





The presidency of Prince B. Woodard, Simpson's successor, was riven with controversy from the outset. Faculty were frequently unhappy with him, not realizing (or, in any case, not appreciating) that he had been hired by the Board of Visitors with a mandate to improve the College's tenuous financial situation. As he went to work on that thankless task by cutting some positions and reorganizing others – and carrying out those measures with a characteristic directness that some interpreted as cold-hearted – faculty morale declined, and opposition became more vocal.

By 1981, Woodard's health, never robust since he suffered a major heart attack before coming to Mary Washington, began to fail. On two occasions when he was hospitalized for what proved ultimately to be fruitless efforts to save him, the Board authorized his young protégé, William M. Anderson Jr., to act in his stead. Following Woodard's death in December 1982, the Board named Anderson as his permanent successor.

One of the main reasons for Anderson's selection was that his genial manner – so in contrast to his late mentor's – appeared to be an effective antidote to the contentious mood then enveloping the campus. And so it proved to be. Though he was not without his detractors, Anderson generally restored harmony to the college as he directed impressive enhancements of physical facilities and academic status.

Then in 1996, after 13 years in the office, Anderson was stricken by a brain aneurysm that left him near death. During a recovery period of several months, it was his Executive Vice President **Marjorie "Midge" Meredith Poyck '66** who assumed administrative control, having been appointed by the Board under an arrangement similar to that employed when Anderson himself had filled in for Woodard. Eventually Anderson returned to lead the institution for another decade, during which time numerous innovations were instituted and University status was achieved.

Of all the crises to beset the president's office through the years, none was as stunning as the tragedy of Anderson's successor, William J. Frawley. Possessing sterling academic credentials and appropriate administrative experience, Frawley got off to a fast start, impressing the University with his exceptional intellect, erudition, and energy. Thus the shock was all the greater when repeated alcohol-related incidents led to his removal by the Board of Visitors less than one year into his contract.

Once again, it was another University "insider" – this time, Vice President for Business and Finance Richard Hurley – who was called upon by the Board to serve as acting president. His steady performance in that position won him extensive praise in the University community and, unbeknownst at the time, served as an apprenticeship for what was to follow.

The hiring of Judy G. Hample in April 2008 was widely heralded, not only because of her impressive administrative experience, but because of her gender: the first female president in the institution's 100-year history. Such lofty expectations were not to be realized, however, as Hample, citing a desire to pursue other opportunities, resigned scarcely two years into her five-year contract. Again, Rick Hurley was named acting president. Nine days later, the board appointed him president, effective July 1.

Hurley thus became the latest in a series of persons recruited from within the institution to restore stability and to summon the resilience that has been characteristic of Mary Washington's administrative history.

– William B. Crawley Jr.

Pearce Promoted a President and a Protester

Retiring museum director leaves rich legacy

By Meghan Budinger and Neva Trenis

Norm Shafer

John Pearce, who retired this summer, was as much a fixture at the James Monroe Museum as was the fifth president, reflected in a bust behind Pearce in the museum's garden.

John Pearce, director of the James Monroe Museum, has retired after 21 years overseeing one of the nation's most impressive presidential collections.

He leaves a legacy at the University of Mary Washington of telling the story of James Monroe – a Revolutionary War hero, fifth president of the United States, and originator of the Monroe Doctrine.

But Pearce is responsible for bringing another great American's life to light at Mary Washington. Thanks to a chance meeting with Pearce in the early 1980s, civil rights leader James Farmer came to teach about his experiences in the civil rights movement at the Fredericksburg school.

All those years ago, Pearce commuted by bus to George Washington University, where he was associate professor of urban planning and American civilization. He became intrigued by a fellow passenger, a "very distinguished black man with the most wonderful voice," he said. He finally got the courage to approach him.

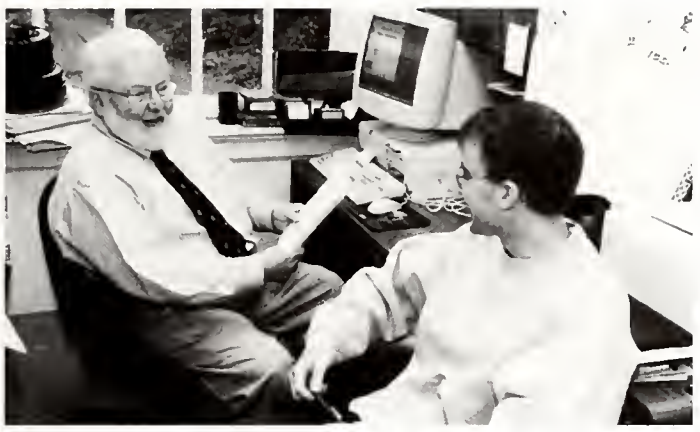
"Are you William Warfield?" Pearce inquired, thinking the gentleman was the great African American concert singer. "No," the man replied. "I am Jim Farmer."

Over time, the two struck up a friendship. Farmer was writing an autobiography, *Lay Bare the Heart*, and he asked Pearce to read early chapters. Pearce learned that Farmer had begun the nonviolent Congress of Racial Equality, CORE, in 1942. He had organized the 1960s Freedom Rides. And he had endured hateful epithets, beatings, and tear gas.

During the daily bus ride, the friends discussed the past, and the future.

Farmer's health was failing; the commute from his home in rural Caroline County, Va., was becoming more difficult. What he wanted to do, Farmer told Pearce, was teach – be a professor as his father had been – and make sure the stories of the struggle for equal rights for African Americans were not lost.

After Pearce took a job in the Department of Historic Preservation at what was then Mary Washington College, an institution that was near Farmer's rural home and that had a stellar history department, Pearce got an idea that might help his aging friend. He contacted Arthur Tracy, professor of history, who contacted another colleague and another until they had a plan in motion. In 1984, Farmer joined Mary Washington as professor of history and American studies. He taught at the school until 1998, the same year President Bill Clinton awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Farmer died in 1999, but his presence is still felt at Mary Washington, as evidenced by his bust on Campus Walk, the James Farmer Multicultural Center, the James Farmer Scholars Program, the teaching curriculum about his life, and more.



Fred Watkins

John Pearce (above) in 2001 and in 1994 (at left) teaching an ElderStudy class. Pearce, who worked with students and community members, is credited with bringing civil rights leader James Farmer to Mary Washington.

If not for Pearce's love of learning, love of people, and respect for Farmer's principled fight, thousands of students, faculty, and community members never would have known the civil rights hero in their midst. "At the simplest level, I wanted to share some of what I had been learning and discussing with him," Pearce said of introducing Farmer to UMW. "And I wanted to share the man himself."

When Pearce came to Mary Washington in 1984, he taught several courses in the Department of Historic Preservation. In 1989, he became director of planning and programs at the James Monroe Museum, which is owned by Virginia and administered by UMW. Four years later, Pearce took over as director of the museum.

Early in his career, Pearce worked at the Smithsonian Institution as an associate curator of cultural history and at the National Trust for Historic Preservation as curator of properties. He was the Maryland State Preservation Officer and the editor of *Chesapeake Country Life* magazine. He earned a bachelor of arts in American studies from Yale in 1956, and a master of arts in early American culture from University of Delaware/Winterthur in 1959.

During Pearce's time, the James Monroe Museum has grown and changed considerably. Its annual celebration of Monroe's Welsh heritage, originally conceived by Pearce as the "Little Welsh Festival," has become a major autumn attraction in downtown Fredericksburg and is the East Coast's only festival dedicated to Welsh heritage.

The museum celebrated Monroe's 250th birthday in 2008 with the installation of a new series of exhibits and several community events, as well as a gathering for descendants of James and Elizabeth Monroe. During 2009, the museum underwent a major renovation and roof replacement, with a grand reopening to the public in October.

Ties between UMW and the museum have strengthened, too, with the Bowley Scholarship, which brings three historic preservation students to work at the museum every year. The annual James Monroe Lecture has brought some of the foremost scholars in American history to campus. The Papers of James Monroe, an initiative to publish all of Monroe's known writings, was brought to the University for permanent housing. Plans for an eventual Presidential Center began in the 1990s and continue today.

With his retirement, Pearce hopes to stay connected to the museum and the University. He plans to continue his research of Monroe's personal library in the hopes of revising Gordon Jones' 1967 publication *The Library of James Monroe*. Pearce's personal life will largely remain the same – living in downtown Fredericksburg and serving the local community, including historic St. George's Episcopal Church.

Q&A

Robin Jones

By Anna B. Billingsley

Make your way down Campus Walk, and beauty abounds – eye-popping beds of colorful blossoms and artfully arranged foliage in the mammoth urns flanking Trinkle Hall's front entrance.

These natural wonders don't just happen. They are the dirt-under-the-nails handiwork of UMW groundskeeper and garden supervisor Robin Jones. When Jones makes *her* way down Campus Walk, she sees that the petunias and mandevillas in one of the Trinkle pots need to be rearranged to match the other. She pulls weeds along the way and checks on the angelonia and Persian shield in the beds in front of Lee Hall.

Jones is an artist, and the Mary Washington campuses are her canvas. She sketches out the designs of flower beds. She researches varieties that will thrive in UMW soil and strives to strike a balance of color and height. And she makes do these days with a lot less.

"Budget cuts have definitely hindered my creativity," Jones said. She has been forced to give up some of the stunning flower pots for which she had become renowned, and she has learned to favor plants that spread more so she can plant – and buy – fewer.

She also has learned another lesson in these lean economic times: "I work harder because I can't afford a failure."

The beauty that Jones creates masks some of the ugliness by which she once was surrounded. Growing up in the ghettos of Washington, D.C., Jones, 43, had a hardscrabble upbringing and worked a number of blue-collar jobs traditionally filled by men.

When the single mother of three reached her early 30s, she decided she wanted to start a new chapter. If she could do anything she wanted to do, she asked herself, what would it be?

Working in the dirt.

With no experience, she enrolled in the horticulture program at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond. After completing her degree in a year and half, she was hired at UMW.

In the decade she's been on staff, Jones has done much more than plant flowers and pull weeds. She has shoveled snow, hauled trash, and ordered uniforms.

Jones has earned a number of different monikers, including "flower girl" and "mother nature." And, just like Mother Nature, people have learned over the years not to mess with her.

What do you love most about Mary Washington? *The UMW community – not just the students and the employees, but the neighborhood residents. I feel like we are one big ol' happy family in a big ol' park.*

What would you change about UMW? *I know progress has to happen, but I would like for the campus to grow a little slower. I'm having a hard time with the pace of progress. We're losing lots of landscape. I would like to hang on to more green space, mature trees, and history.*

How would you describe yourself? *Happy, motivated… I have a good work ethic. I'm trustworthy, kind, and caring.*

What motivates you? *The fact that I'm able to do what I love to do. Nothing gives me greater joy than to take a blank flower bed and give it color, give it life. It's the best feeling in the world to be on my hands and knees in the middle of planting thousands of flowers and have someone come by walking their dog and say, "Wow!"*

Who inspires you? *[UMW Director of Landscaping and Grounds] Joni Wilson. She's the one who hired me. Through my interaction with her, I have learned and grown exponentially – both personally and professionally. I am also inspired by people who are struggling but surviving – people like single mothers.*

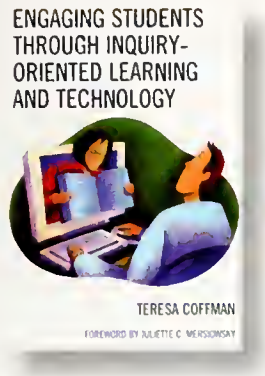
What are you passionate about? *Water in any form. I love the outdoors. I love plants. I like reading, music, and dancing.*

What are you afraid of? *Not much. I've seen things I wouldn't want anybody to have to see. I've survived two cancer scares and overcome a lot of obstacles.*

What would people be surprised to learn about you? *That I have a soft side. I may seem to be a tough broad during the day and I may go home covered in dirt, but I am sensitive – even mushy – at heart. I like to wear dresses, put on heels, and go out.*

All of the following books are available in the UMW Bookstore.

Books by **Faculty**



Engaging Students through Inquiry-Oriented Learning and Technology

By Teresa L. Coffman, UMW associate professor of education

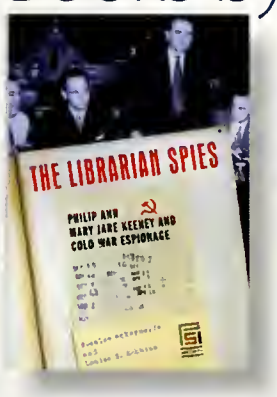
In the foreword to *Engaging Students through Inquiry-Oriented Learning and Technology*, Juliette C. Mersiowsky wrote that the book explains inquiry-based approaches to learning and helps readers discover how to identify good inquiry-oriented questions. Author Teresa L. Coffman, she said, explains the use of WebQuests, Web-based inquiry, and telecollaborative activities that engage students in learning.

Mary Beth Klinger, professor of business at the College of Southern Maryland, recommends this work "to any practicing teacher who wants to do more in the classroom than just lecture and who sees the benefit of real-world application to stimulate theoretical, textbook learning."

Dave Mirra, chief technology officer, Stafford County [Virginia] Public Schools, said the book "offers teachers both the theoretical underpinnings of inquiry learning as well as practical takeaways of activities that can be put to immediate use in the classroom."

– Published by Rowman & Littlefield Education, 2009

Books by **Alumni**



The Librarian Spies: Philip and Mary Jane Keeney and Cold War Espionage

By Rosalee McReynolds and Louise S. Robbins '65

In the 1950s, Sen. Joseph McCarthy called librarian Mary Jane Keeney and her husband, Philip, before the House UnAmerican Activities Committee to account for suspicious activities. If McCarthy's accusations were true, the pair had provided the Soviet Union with crucial information about American defense and economic policies. If false, the Keeneys had been wronged by their government. Regardless, the accusation left them in grief and poverty.

The Librarian Spies draws on a wide range of archival materials, especially FBI files, interviews, and extensive reading from secondary sources, to tell the story of the Keeneys, members of a 1940s spy ring. It also recounts how, though they were never tried or charged as spies, they were punished through blacklisting.

Louise S. Robbins, director of the School of Library and Information Sciences at the University of Madison, Wisconsin, earned a degree in English from Mary Washington and a doctorate in library and information studies from Texas Woman's University. Her co-author, the late Rosalee McReynolds, was a library historian and director of serials and special collections at Loyola University in New Orleans.

– Published by Praeger Security International, 2009

Sweet Cane: The Architecture of the Sugar Works of East Florida

By Lucy Bowles Wayne '69

The heart of the Florida sugar industry was concentrated in East Florida in the late 1700s and beyond, with 22 sugar plantations dotting the coastline by the 1830s. Producing the sweetest sugar, molasses, and rum, the industry brought prosperity to the region, employing farm hands, slaves, architects, stone masons, riverboats and their crews, shopkeepers, and merchant traders. But by January 1836, Native American attacks of the Second Seminole War, intending to rid the Florida frontier of settlers, devastated the whole sugar industry.

The East Florida sugar industry never regained its importance. Archaeological, historical, and architectural research in the last decade has returned these sites to their once prominent place in Florida's history. Equally important is what can be learned of the lives of those associated with the sugar works and the early plantation days along the East Florida frontier.

Lucy B. Wayne, who studied art history at Mary Washington, is vice president/archaeological and architectural historian principal at SouthArc Inc., in Gainesville, Fla. She earned a master's and a doctoral degree from University of Florida.

Herschel Shepard, FAIA professor emeritus of architecture, University of Florida, wrote of Wayne's book, "The value of *Sweet Cane* is twofold. First, it documents an important and little-known phase of Florida's history. Secondly, the text, illustrations, and bibliography provide documentation of the sites that is useful to the scholar and of interest to the general public."

– Published by the University of Alabama Press, 2010

Get the Picture?

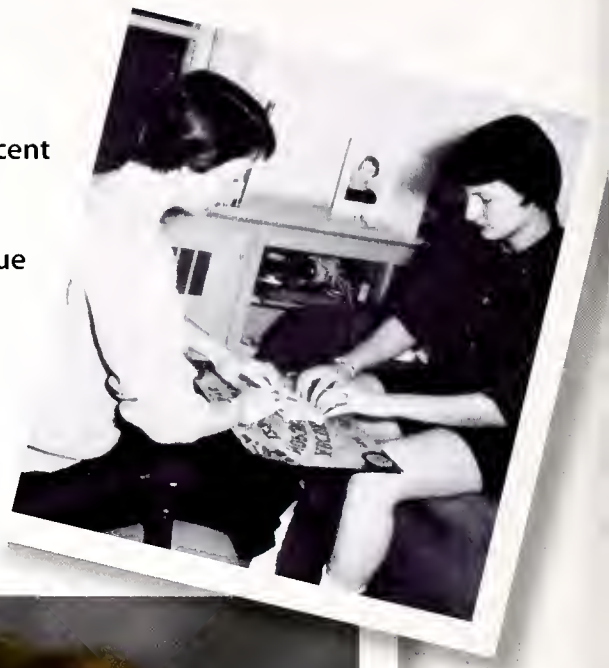
When her spring *UMW Magazine* arrived, **Sandy Poole '60** thumbed straight to the back for Class Notes and In Memoriam, just like she always does. But this time, something caught her eye. The Salisbury, Md., resident immediately recognized herself and Mary Washington hallmate **Jane Commander '60**, hands extended over a Ouija board, in Get the Picture.

"Jane and I were asked to pose for a picture for the yearbook, and we used the Ouija board, a fad on the hall at the time," Poole wrote. "It was fun, but no one took it seriously."

After graduation, Poole and Commander lost track of one another for nearly 35 years, then reconnected via email. Poole earned a master's degree in psychology, worked as a counselor for a while, and spent the last 10 years before retirement running a nursing home ombudsman-and-legal-services program for an agency on aging.

Poole lives a quiet life, she said, with Molly, a Welsh corgi she rescued. She is a Eucharistic minister at a small Episcopal church, where she also helps with computer purchases and weeding of the parking lot. She reads theology, history, and an occasional mystery.

"Molly and I take care of each other," Poole said. "She's smart, has a huge vocabulary, and a strong will."



Sandy Poole '60, in a recent photo below, spotted a 50-year-old image of herself in the spring issue of *University of Mary Washington Magazine*. That's Sandy on the right playing Ouija – or pretending to play Ouija – with classmate Jane Commander.

Give It Your Best Shot!

Help us identify the two women in this photo from the UMW digital image archive, archive.umw.edu, an interactive and searchable database that was established in conjunction with the University's 100th anniversary.

We know the picture was taken around 1990. The description states, "Two friends, bundled up in winter clothing, smile for a photograph on a snow-covered Campus Walk."

If you can shed more light on this photo, please contact us. Our archives will become more complete with shared information from UMW friends and family. Send email to abilling@umw.edu (please put GET THE PICTURE in the subject line) or write to the *University of Mary Washington Magazine* – Get the Picture, UMW, 1301 College Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401-5300.

Obama Taps Alumna for USDA Job

Catherine O'Connor Woteki

In April, President Barack Obama nominated **Catherine O'Connor Woteki '69** to be undersecretary of agriculture for research, education, and economics.

"Dr. Woteki is one of the ablest and most experienced food and agriculture public servants our country has to offer," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "She is a distinguished nutritional epidemiologist who has held senior positions in academia, the United States government, and in business."

Since 2005, Woteki has served as global director of scientific affairs for Mars Inc., a multinational food, confectionery, and pet care company. She has managed the company's scientific policy and research on matters of health, nutrition, and food safety.

Woteki graduated from Mary Washington with majors in biology and chemistry. She received a master's degree and doctorate from the Human Nutrition Management Education Program of the University of Maryland-College Park.

From 1997 to 2001, Woteki served as the first undersecretary for food safety at USDA, overseeing the Food Safety and Inspection Service, where she coordinated U.S. government food safety policy development. She worked for two years in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, where she co-authored the Clinton administration's policy statement, "Science in the National Interest." From 2002 to 2005, she was dean of agriculture and professor of human nutrition at Iowa State University.

She received UMW's Distinguished Alumnus Award last year.

Student Studies Toxicity of Flame Retardants

Jonathan Williams '11 is working to make fire safety safer. The Stuarts Draft native is doing an internship in Charleston, S.C., to assess environmental levels of flame-inhibiting chemicals. His work is sponsored by the Hollings Marine Laboratory through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

During his 10-week stay, Williams will help assess the levels of current-use brominated flame retardants (BFRs) in environmental samples to study their potential to be persistent organic pollutants.

"Many historically used BFRs are being phased out in Europe and North America," Williams said. "But their replacements have the potential to be equally toxic and persistent in the environment."

The chemistry major has been named to the UMW President's List and Dean's List. He has received the Earl N. Meyer Analytical Chemistry Award for the student with the highest cumulative average in analytical chemistry, the Undergraduate Award for Achievement in Organic Chemistry, and a Virginia Academy of Science Undergraduate Grant. The son of Daniel and Sharon Williams, he is a member of the American Chemical Society, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and the UMW chapter of Chi Beta Phi National Science and Mathematics Honor Society.

The 40-year-old National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is a federal environmental science agency within the Department of Commerce.

Jonathan Williams

Alumna Slated to Become **Ambassador to Peru**

If President Obama has his way, **Rose McCartney Likins '81** will soon be ambassador to the Republic of Peru. Obama nominated Likins to the position in April. The U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee must hold a confirmation hearing and the full Senate must vote on the appointment before it becomes official.

A career member of the Senior Foreign Service, Likins now serves as deputy director of the Foreign Service Institute. She was U.S. ambassador to El Salvador from August 2000 to June 2003, and she was dean of the Foreign Service Institute's School of Professional and Area Studies.

In 2005, the University of Mary Washington named Likins a Distinguished Alumna and honored her exemplary career in the Foreign Service by awarding her an honorary doctor of humane letters. She was the 2005 UMW Commencement speaker. Likins graduated from Mary Washington with a bachelor's degree in Spanish and international affairs. She and her husband, **John Likins '81**, have a son, Kevin, who is a rising sophomore at his parents' alma mater.

Rose McCartney Likins '81

Likins' Washington assignments include Honduras desk officer, special assistant to the deputy secretary of state, executive assistant to the undersecretary for global affairs, director of the department's Operations Center, deputy executive secretary of the department, and principal deputy assistant secretary for political-military affairs.

Overseas posts include consular officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Monterrey, Mexico; chief of the political section at the U.S. Embassy in Asuncion, Paraguay; and deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Capt. Meredith Sarda '97, a pediatrician at the Air Force Theater hospital in northern Iraq, holds the bandaged hand of 3-year-old burn patient, Tarik Qazam, who suffered second- and third-degree burns over more than half his body after stumbling into a fire .

Alumna Aids the Children of War

With the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan having no front lines, children often become collateral damage. More than 1,000 children were admitted to U.S. military hospitals from December 2001 to December 2004, according to a 2006 study. Even as violence in Iraq has abated, records show that doctors at the Air Force Theater hospital have treated 413 patients under the age of 13 since July 2007.

One of those doctors was Capt. **Meredith Sarda '97**, a pediatrician assigned until this summer to Balad Air Base in northern Iraq.

With fewer wounded troops, U.S. military medical staff can devote more time and beds to Iraqi patients, including children. Just being a kid in Iraq these days can be dangerous, Sarda said. "They're out and about playing, doing normal kid activities…[and they end up being] in the wrong place at the wrong time." Because electricity is sporadic, fires for cooking and bathing abound, and children often arrive at the hospital with severe burns, she added.

Before volunteering to serve in Balad, Sarda worked for the Air Force in northern Florida and treated mostly rashes and ear infections. After graduating from Mary Washington, she attended the Uniform Health Service Medical School at the Bethesda Naval Hospital.

To keep her emotions in check, Sarda tries to forget that she is treating children, she said. "You know they are doing well when they start doing normal kid things again."

The devotion of some Iraqi parents impressed Sarda. One father kept vigil by his son's bedside for 79 days straight, often sleeping with the child in his cot.

– Excerpted from the Feb. 19, 2010, edition of *Stars and Stripes*, the U.S. military's independent newspaper.

Alumni Association Names **Award Recipients**

The UMW Alumni Association recognized the following alumni at the Reunion Weekend banquet.

Distinguished Alumnus Award

Clifford A. "Ford" Hart Jr. '80

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Ford Hart, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, earned a bachelor of arts degree in international affairs and Russian studies in 1980, then earned an master of arts degree in foreign affairs from the University of Virginia in 1983. He has served overseas in the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, Iraq, and the Soviet Union. In Washington, D.C., Hart has had assignments at the State Department, the White House, and the Pentagon. His work has concentrated on policy making, political analysis, interagency coordination, crisis management, and postconflict operations. Hart has served as political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, as the special assistant to the undersecretary of state for political affairs, as director for China and Taiwan on the National Security Council at the White House, and as foreign policy advisor to the commanding general of the Multinational Corps-Iraq. He is currently foreign policy adviser to the chief of naval operations at the Pentagon.

Outstanding Young Alumni Award

Shin Fujiyama '07 and Sheila L. Shadmand '95

Shin Fujiyama

When he was a sophomore at University of Mary Washington, **Shin Fujiyama** traveled with a campus group to do volunteer relief work in Honduras. Being around the unspeakably poor children and seeing how poverty affected them inspired Fujiyama to try to help other Honduran families. He and his sister, Cosmo – then a student at the College of William and Mary – organized student volunteers on their campuses to help a hurricane-ravaged village in the Central American nation. The group would become Students Helping Honduras, the nonprofit organization whose volunteers have helped build two schools, an education center for an orphanage, and homes for several families. The students have helped install electric lighting and fuel-efficient, safe cooking stoves, and they are working on a water tower and an eco-friendly sanitation system. Today SHH has chapters on more than 25 U.S. campuses. Fujiyama, who holds a bachelor of arts in international affairs, has received national recognition for his work in Honduras. In 2009, he was named a CNN Hero, was featured in a CNN video, and appeared on TV's *Larry King Live*.

Sheila L. Shadmand

Sheila Shadmand, one of the first female partners of a U.S. law firm in the Middle East, works in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, with Jones Day, one of the world's largest and most geographically diverse law firms. In 2009, the firm had her open an office of six lawyers in Dubai, where Shadmand serves as an administrative and pro bono partner.

A specialist in international litigation, she has represented a variety of Fortune 500 clients, including Procter & Gamble, Nextel, General Motors Corp., and XM Satellite Radio. She has appeared in connection with her work in the *ABA Journal*, the *Washington Post*, and other national media. She graduated in theater and English in 1995 and continued at the University of Virginia, where she earned a juris doctorate in 1998.

Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36 Service Award

Edith Sheppard Ott '59

Edith Sheppard Ott

Edith Sheppard Ott has consistently supported Mary Washington and the Alumni Association in various capacities throughout the years. She earned a master of science and a doctoral degree in clinical psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University and maintained a practice in Richmond for many years, yet Ott always found time for her alma mater. She served at different times on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, including a term as president. She also served on the Mary Washington College Board of Visitors from 1983 to 1991. A member of the President's Council since 1989, she has been part of numerous campus events and celebrations. She represented the Class of 1959 at the UMW Centennial Founder's Day celebration in 2008. An active participant in reunion activities, she also served on the Class of 1959's 50th reunion planning committee in 2009.

Photo by Cynthia Newmark

At a Richmond-area alumni reception, Rick Hurley, right, greeted Lloyd Tilton Backstrom '61 and her husband, Art.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF
THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

TO: All Alumni
FROM: Derek M. Bottcher '96

It is a pleasure to extend greetings to you as I begin my term as president of the University of Mary Washington Alumni Association. I also express my sincere thanks to **Sue Bridi '81**, our immediate past president, for her leadership and commitment during the past two years. Besides presiding over alumni board meetings and representing the Alumni Association at various campus events, Sue was the alumni representative on the University's Strategic Planning Steering Committee, whose work culminated in a document outlining the vision and initiatives that will propel the institution to greater prominence among liberal arts universities.

I regard it as a privilege to serve as president of the Alumni Association at such an exciting time in Mary Washington's history. Under the capable and proven leadership of Rick Hurley, we are ready and eager to begin a new and innovative chapter in the life of our alma mater. The University is positioned to meet the accreditation mandates that accompany our change to university status by developing the three-college structure proposed in our strategic plan. The colleges of Business and Education will join the College of Arts and Sciences, which continues to serve as the heart of the University. In addition, a new Division of Professional Development and Regional Engagement will cater to nontraditional students and will offer programs and services supporting regional partnerships and economic development. The first phase of the Eagle Village project – the mixed-use student housing and retail development in the former Park & Shop center – will open this fall, enhancing the experiences of our students and the entire community. In addition, the Anderson Center, the University's new athletic and convocation center, will open later in the academic year, much to the delight of alumni athletes and community members.

This is a great time to be involved with Mary Washington. I hope you will join me as an active volunteer and supporter, and I hope you send me your thoughts and suggestions on strengthening alumni ties with Mary Washington. I look forward to sharing an exciting and successful year with you.

Reunion Weekend
UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON 2010

A HOT AND HAPPY REUNION WEEKEND

As evidenced by the photos above and to the right, alumni in classes from 1945 through 2005 enjoyed their return to Mary Washington June 4-6 to celebrate Reunion Weekend. Despite unseasonably hot weather, alumni and guests participated in campus tours led by current students, faculty lectures, "hard hat" tours of the soon-to-open Eagle Village, the traditional Reunion Picnic under a huge tent, a joyous celebration dinner, and Sunday's farewell brunch.

Attention all alumni from classes ending in "1" and "6": Mark your calendars NOW for June 3-5, 2011, and plan to come back to Fredericksburg for a weekend of reconnecting and renewal.

Class Notes

Note from the Editor

We appreciate the contributions of all of our class agents who volunteer their time to collect and submit news from their classmates. Beginning with this issue, we will publish in the magazine only the name and email address of each agent. Because we are concerned about the privacy of our agents, we will no longer publish their mailing addresses.

If you prefer to communicate with your agent via U. S. Mail, you are welcome to send your news in care of Class Notes to:

Office of Alumni Relations
University of Mary Washington
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Or, if your agent does not have an email address and you would like to send in your news electronically, you may do so by sending your information to:

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the alumni relations office at 540/654-1011 or the magazine office at 540/654-1686.

1936

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1941

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A year or so ago, **Ruby Lee Norris '36** told me the news she receives from her classmates is too depressing. I'm happy to report that we have folks who are still alert, active, and leading interesting lives.

One of these is **Dorothy Shaw**, who retired (twice) after receiving a graduate degree in physical therapy and working in that field for many years. She returned to her family home in Buffalo, N.Y., and also bought land some 45 miles away in the country, where she built a stone house and a wooden barn – she built it herself, from trees on her land. She planned to spend weekends there but found that it's where she spends most of her time, raising Toggenburg goats, making cheese, gardening, and enjoying her two Welsh corgis and a rescue cat. Always musical, she has joined a recorder consort. A recent picture shows a happy, healthy **Dorothy** with a baby goat and its mother.

Myra McCormick Cole was **Dorothy**'s roommate their freshman year. We three keep in touch via email, snail mail, and phone.

1942

Virginia Bennett Skillman
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1943

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1944

Phyllis Quimby Anderson
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I don't have much news other than the snow with which we had to contend this past winter. I don't think Vermont got as much as the Southern states this year. We have not been on any more trips since our last one to see the commissioning of the new *USS New York*. As I mentioned before, Hank was on the old *USS New York*, and the two ships are nothing alike. One of our grandsons was to graduate from the University of Vermont this May. The latest book illustrated by our oldest daughter, Sue Lyn, has just come out. It's a really cute children's story called *You're Lovable to Me* by Kat Yeh. It reminds me of Beatrix Potter.

Marie Kennedy Robins took an unbelievable trip to Asia for the holidays. She flew with her son and his wife from Washington, D.C., to Hong Kong, where they spent two nights. They then boarded a cruise ship that visited Vietnam and Thailand, before arriving in Singapore, where they spent two nights at the Raffles Hotel. Marie said, "I did not fall ill or fall down, and I'm almost 85 years old. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus!"

Bertha McPhail Johnson and **Martha Scott Rogers** met in Brandon, Mo., and had a wonderful time. They suggest everyone make the trip, if possible. Bertha said they had "big-time snow" in Mississippi. (I guess that goes for everywhere this winter.) One of her granddaughters works with million-dollar machines in a large hospital clinic in New York. Bertha had a hip replacement that has slipped out four times.

Mary Ellen Gardiner Starkey enjoys her children and grandchildren who live nearby. She recently spent time in Florida with family. One of son Donny's daughters went to England in March. Another daughter is at the Air Force Academy, has married, and was expecting a baby. Mary Ellen tries to stay active in her church and with her family. She lives in a nice senior village in La Plata, Md., which also was bombarded with snow.

Phyllis Dunbar McIntyre of Palm Desert, Calif., sings in her church choir and is a Stephen Minister, but she leads a pretty quiet life, since all her children live away from home. Her family is divided between East and West. One daughter lives with her family in Miami part time and at their horse farm in North Carolina much of the year. Phyllis' son and his wife settled in Vero Beach, Fla. Her granddaughter and family planned to move to Jacksonville, Fla. Phyllis still has two daughters on the West Coast, one in San Francisco and the other in Oceanview, Calif. Phyllis has a significant other, who stays with her during the winter, and she goes to Horseheads, N.Y., for the summer, taking advantage of the good weather in both places. She hopes to get back to campus for a visit and is happy with the growth of our beautiful school. She said, "They were wonderful days, weren't they?"

Virginia Hawley Butler really missed not being able to be with her classmates at the reunion last year. She still lives with daughter Bonnie and Bonnie's husband in Blacksburg, Va. Her four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren keep her busy with their activities. Virginia's sister, **Helen Hawley Turner**, lives with daughter Mary Beth and family near Wilmington, Del. Helen's son, Randy, and his family live in the Williamsburg area. Son Tom and his family live in Crownsville, Md. Helen has six grandchildren. Both sisters look forward to receiving the UMW magazine.

After three major storms in northern Delaware, **Elizabeth Phillips Roe** was finally enjoying fair weather and looking forward to spring. Life at Cokesbury Village keeps them busy and happy. Their daughter lives nearby and visits frequently, bringing one of her three greyhounds with her. "It is great to have grand-dogs," Elizabeth said. "They go home with their mistress." She heard from **Sallie Jacob** at Christmas and keeps in touch with **Anna Roberts Ware** via email and phone. Anna also commented on the back-to-back storms that cut off phone and electricity. She is reading all the articles in a collection of *Colonial Homes* magazines.

Ilva Haynie Doggett wrote in a long letter, "Seven decades past, I made an important decision to attend Mary Washington, an institution rich in academic, moral, and social inspirations. Life's

progression [has taken us] from business positions to marriage and family." Along the way, she continued, many problems have been solved and rewards reaped, "going from radio, telephone, television, supersonic flight, computer and digital systems, wars, and depressions." She wrote, "I marvel about my many blessings and am sure my years of training at Mary Washington propelled me to accept my many challenges and arrive at the decade of 2010 with a beautiful perspective of life and hope for a future filled with wonderful surprises for all." It seems as though she is speaking for us all! Thank you, Ilva.

Jean Adie Mogavero's news was of the snow, 3 feet of it in places. In the summer, we all will complain about the heat and remember the snow, wishing we had some to cool us off. Jean missed the reunion but imagined how beautiful the campus must be. She and **Anne Benner Gee**, her "roomie," still keep in touch, and all is well with both of them.

Virginia Webb Pumphrey's brother, Norman, passed away last June. When she and her brother and sister were young, they called themselves "The Three Musketeers." Now there are only two. In August, Virginia and her sister, Pat, spent a couple days in Charleston, S.C., visiting Magnolia Plantation & Gardens, the Charleston Museum, and the Heyward-Washington House. Her son visited her in November and she enjoyed it, but the time passed too quickly. She said that she is still alive and kicking but not quite so high.

I got a note from Fred Jenkins saying that his mother, **Marjorie Wheatley Jenkins**, died June 8, 2008. He said she always spoke very highly of her college years and the lifelong friendships she made at Mary Washington.

I was so glad to hear from all of you because I am receiving fewer and fewer letters. Please keep the notes coming. I love to hear from you and to pass the news around.

1945

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I finished reading William B. Crawley Jr.'s book, *University of Mary Washington: A Centennial History, 1908-2008*. It really is a history of the times we lived through as well as of our school. I am looking forward to the sequel!

Ruth Meyer Butler of Texas had her left shoulder replaced in September. She is now well, active as president of the resident association at her retirement home, and writing monthly book reviews for their newsletter. Her son, who lives with his family in Austin, Texas, recently visited UMW and was really impressed. Ruth would love to hear from **Sue Womer Almond**, who lives in Lynchburg, Va.

I received a Christmas card from **Peggy Draper Eckenrode '43**, who lives in a retirement home in South Australia, with her grown children nearby.

Ladies, keep those cards and letters coming.

1948

Bette Worsham Hawkins Dunford
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Lois Saunier Hornsby sends kudos to all Class Agents, "especially to **Bette Worsham Hawkins Dunford**," who helped get classmates through our 60th Reunion and beyond. Lois wrote, "What amazing, remarkable, unimagined changes from Marye's Hilltop!"

Lois continued: For the nifty ones of forty-eight (who reversed the spelling to "Ytrof-thgie" for the title of our sophomore benefit show), cherished are the lyrics from the "hit" song *Peepin' Backwards* (a lot of what Class Notes is about) by **Ellie Brackett**. Ellie wrote and we sang:

"O we'll go peepin' backwards at the good ol' days,

Of peepin' backwards at the Gibson craze;

When Grandma was a girl, and life was such a whirl;

Ragtime rhythm in our songs, doing the can-can all night long."

After several such choruses, the song ends with: "So we'll go peepin' backwards now!"

We still "peep," Lois wrote, thanks to Bette and such other trusty ones as **Carol Byrd Williamson**, **Gerry White**, and **Miriam Whitley "Whickey" Knight**, all rallying with the Alumni Association for each special reunion. Our two class scholarship efforts certainly show we care.

Finally, Lois wrote, "If any 'mates' better at keeping in touch than many of us will step up to report before we step out, all will be grateful."

Eveline "Bunny" Johnson Wood has homes in Virginia and North Carolina, and she has traveled all over the eastern United States. She is in excellent health and keeps active, especially by working in two flower gardens. Her favorite pastime is genealogy. Bunny is divorced and has a son, a daughter, and three grandchildren. She is a career educator and is disturbed by reports of poor national student performance in our schools, where she spent most of her life trying to improve achievement records.

Leora "Nehi" Knapp Mora '49 was included in a group of supporters invited to the White House last year to meet President and Mrs. Obama.

1949

Anna Dulany Lyons

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Owing to an unexplained glitch in transmission, an entire page was omitted from our submission for the fall/winter issue of the magazine. As this included some reunion and post-reunion reports, we'll repeat those missing paragraphs.

Reunion 2009 registration took place in Virginia Hall with many eager, young volunteers on hand to make receipt of materials go smoothly, amid cries of recognition that greeted new arrivals. Activities included "Classes Without Quizzes" with faculty lecturers, walking tours of our expanded campus, and just visiting with old friends. Those who recall our lovely rooftop tea dances over the site of the swimming pool would be amazed by the newly renovated and refurbished Lee Hall, now housing student services, with offices and a spacious new bookstore.

For the afternoon reception at stately Brompton, the rains came in a sudden downpour just as the crowd of alumni arrived at the tented grounds. Everything and everyone were quickly moved inside, where elbow-to-elbow, we sampled the buffet and visited with those nearest to us. Seeing the situation in a positive light, **Gwen Brubaker Connell** said she appreciated the rain because it gave her a chance to go inside for her first view of the historic house. Unlike in 2004, the rain soon ended and the remainder of the weekend was dry!

When our Reunion Booklet compiler, **Katherine "Kate" Mayo Schmidt** realized that the Reunion Weekend trip might be detrimental to husband Bill's health, her secondary regret was that she would not get to see her donated antique sideboard in its new setting at Brompton. However, the then-newly inaugurated President Judy Hample graciously consented to be photographed standing beside the sideboard, and Kate now has those pictures. (We are grateful that both Bill and Kate got to enjoy the photos before his fatal auto accident in October.) Because of proximity, dinner for the most senior classes (ours and the Class of '44) was held in the faculty dining room at Seacobeck.

Saturday featured a tented picnic, class pictures, and class parties. Without a designated room for our small group of 26, we moved chairs from the tent area to a shady spot and formed a circle for a short meeting, followed by some free time. Prior to the traditional banquet that evening, a reunion celebration reception was held on the lower patio at Woodard Campus Center. A large tote board displayed the contribution of each reunion class and the totals were amazing. Each of three classes ('59, '54, and '44) donated more than a million dollars, with a grand total of more than $5 million for all 12 reunion classes! Our class should be proud of placing fifth, with a total of $201,491, and of placing second percentage-wise (49 percent), with 80 donors. Thanks for everyone's participation. Mary Washington is the ultimate winner.

Sunday morning found friends meeting for breakfast at various venues or attending the farewell brunch buffet at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center, a welcome opportunity to view the lovely Rappahannock Grand Ballroom, site of numerous celebrations throughout the year. One by one, the classes disbursed as Reunion Weekend 2009 came to an end. Returning to an empty campus on a gorgeous spring day, there was time to retrace those familiar walks from Virginia Hall, past the trio of Custis, Ball, and Madison halls, on to Westmoreland Hall and stately George Washington Hall, through the towering new Carmen Culpeper Chappell '59 Campanile, and back again to the Chandler Hall parking lot. With one more look, we said a private prayer that we all might meet again "… some sunny day."

Shortly after Reunion Weekend, **Jackie McConnell Scarborough** of Stone Mountain, Ga., contracted double pneumonia and spent a week in the hospital, but she wrote that she was slowly regaining strength. **Judy Stone Johnstone** also wrote of her post-reunion hospitalization and surgery for adhesions from a previous abdominal operation. May they, and each of you, enjoy good health and keep on keeping on.

Sadly, we learned of the sudden passing late last June of Roland Layton, beloved husband of **Frances Houston Layton**, in Lewisburg, W.Va. The Laytons were married for 52 years, were proud parents of a son and a daughter, and had two granddaughters and three great-granddaughters. Roland received his bachelor's degree from Western Maryland College, a master's degree from Georgetown University, and a doctorate from U.Va. He taught for five years at Hampden-Sydney College and for 22 years at Hiram College in Ohio, before retiring in 1989 and later moving to Lewisburg. In previous Class Notes, we wrote of the double friendships, throughout more than 60 years, of Fran Houston Layton and **Anne McCaskill Libis**, and of Roland Layton and Claude Libis. On behalf of the class, our heartfelt sympathy was offered to Fran and her family, and special condolences were offered to their close friends Anne and Claude. We regret the untimely delay of this news.

Appreciated Christmas cards from classmates included thoughtful messages but little news. **Lucy Vance Gilmer** of Bristol, Va., was busy compiling albums of photos of family and friends, and of pictures from church and school. She lost three lifelong friends, whose obituaries all listed Lucy as a "special friend," in less than a year.

Elva Tate Hasher of Mechanicsville, Va., may have spoken for many of us octogenarians when she noted that "what doesn't hurt is *numb*!" Elva planned to spend a few days at Christmas with daughter Anne. **Elizabeth "Betty" Fischer Gore** was enjoying being in her new apartment in Northern Virginia, being near her children, and being free from house and garden chores.

Relating a litany of ongoing health issues, **Dorothy "Dot" Desmond Helfrich** suffered a severe kidney stone attack in November that sent her to the emergency room. Next came an appointment with a urologist, who arranged for a laser surgery that zapped the stones and brought welcome relief from the incapacitating pain. Dot is most grateful for the comforting companionship of her tiny toy poodle, Yvette, a true joy in her life, "so cute, sweet, funny, and smart!" Those owned by their devoted pets, past or present, understand Dot's euphoric perspective.

Elizabeth "Betty" Gavett Breeden '50 performed with the Peninsula Singers at Carnegie Hall, singing Beethoven's* Mass in C Major *under the direction of English composer John Rutter.

Charlotte "Chot" Baylis Rexon used her artistry to express her delight with their cute, cuddly Bichon Frisé by executing a classic oil portrait of the pooch for their Christmas card.

Dolores "Dee" Ross featured a new picture of her inherited and adored Shih Tzu, Joe, on their holiday greeting. She has recovered from a post-reunion hospital stay for a venial hernia. Dee finally joined her octogenarian classmates by observing her 80th birthday, celebrated with a cocktail party at Indian Creek Yacht & Country Club near Kilmarnock, Va. It was attended by some 125 of her closest friends ... and Joe! In May, Dee planned to see the sights in Italy with her local bank group.

Frances "Blackie" Horn Nygood included her kennel of basset hounds and dachshunds in her Christmas greeting from Delaware and was anticipating her annual attendance at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show in February.

In her holiday note, **Betty Bond Heller Nichols** passed along alarming news that her BFF **Jane Yeatman Spangler** was diagnosed with bladder cancer and was scheduled for surgery in early January. After many anxious email exchanges, we were reassured by reports from Jane's daughter, Janet, of the successful surgery and gradual recovery. The cancer was contained and did not extend beyond the bladder. Chemotherapy was necessary, but Jane made a remarkable recovery and, at last report, planned to resume her bridge schedule! With her indomitable spirit; her faith and determination; the expert TLC of her RN, Janet; and family and friends, Jane was on her way back!

A cheery card from her old friend **Leora "Nehi" Knapp Mora** and husband Peter told **Anna "Andi" Dulany Lyons** of a special honor. The Moras were included in a group of supporters invited to the White House last year to meet President and Mrs. Obama. And, Nehi added, they didn't have to crash! Andi's grown grandchildren are establishing careers or completing degrees, and she is especially proud of the accomplishments of **Chelsea Devening '10** at our alma mater. As previously reported, Chelsea was elected president of each of her classes, from freshman year on, and as Senior Class Council president, was to give a Commencement address, to which Andi was proudly looking forward.

We reported in our last Class Notes that **Anne "Miami" McCaskill Libis** took her trusty sled with her when she and Claude moved to a retirement complex in Baltimore. She checked out nearby hills and hoped to put her sled to good use if there was enough snow. As the old saying goes, be careful what you wish for! As we all know, the blizzards of 2010 brought too much snow to everyone, especially in the Baltimore area. We now can reveal that Anne *did* use her sled, once, before the heavy snowfall proved impassable.

Katherine "Kate" Mayo Schmidt finally was able to have a January memorial service for husband Bill, who was instantly killed in their October auto accident. Badly injured herself, Kate needed time for healing, both physically and emotionally. A severe attack of sciatic pain necessitated an epidural shot the day before the service in order for her to attend. The inurnment was in a small, historic cemetery nearby so that, when Kate is steadier on her feet again, she may walk or drive there frequently. Their family members all came for the service and Kate's sister stayed on for another two weeks. Immediate duties, along with estate and tax matters, have kept Kate distracted, but she said she knows that the reality of her loss will occur when those duties are done.

Right at our deadline, I received more bad news. With sorrow, we learned from **Conni Conley Stuart** of the death of John ffrench, husband of **Sara-Primm Turner ffrench**, in January in Stockbridge, Mass. The other foursome of Mary Washington suitemates, Conni, Primm, **Norah Pitts Byrnes**, and **Betsy Thorne Bultman**, have enjoyed an enduring friendship throughout these 60 odd years and, as Conni noted, the amazing fact was that all four spouses shared the BFFs' compatibility. Conni said that John probably was the liveliest of their group. Always traveling, teaching, and displaying his unique ceramics, John had a wealth of stories and experiences and was stimulating to be around. He had studios in Galway, Ireland, and in Stockbridge. An obituary in the Galway paper cited John as one of the finest contemporary ceramicists, and a Berkshire obituary cited both John and Primm for their years of teaching art at Monument Mountain Regional High School. Fortunately, John and Primm were present at the Bultmans' New Hampshire farmhouse last October for the glorious fall reunion of forever friends. On behalf of the class, our heartfelt sympathy is offered to Primm, their daughters, and their extended family.

As ever, love to all of you from both of us.

1950

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By the time you read this, we will have had our 60th Reunion and, hopefully, I will have had the opportunity to chat with many of

you to catch up on your news. What you will read below was compiled from my December holiday cards and other emails.

Nan Riley Pointer and Joe took a trip to Alaska with a group of 18 friends. They spent seven days on land and seven on a ship. The highlights were seeing wildlife in Denali and the glaciers. One of Nan's sons lives in Suffolk, Va., but his family is scattered, with a son serving in Afghanistan; another son, with a 1-year-old daughter, in North Carolina; and a daughter and family in Portugal. Nan and Joe's other son lives nearby with two boys.

Billie Mitchell Hanes sent the good news that daughter Diane's PET scan was clear after she underwent a stem cell transplant at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Billie and daughter Leslie enjoyed a trip to Charleston, S.C., where they stayed in an old, elegant B&B, enjoying the area's gardens, plantations, and good food. Billie and Dick celebrated their 60th anniversary in December.

Carol Bailey Miller, who was making progress with physical therapy for her arm, was able to steward a state 4-H show and the VHSA's Associate Championship Horse Show in November. She attended the annual meeting of the VHSA at The Homestead, which was lovely during the holidays, and she continues to work on the association's history. She spent Christmas in Florida with her two sisters and was glad to be away from snow-covered Virginia.

Elsie Lee Davidson Floyd said Buena Vista, Va., was not used to all the snow and their church services had to be cancelled three times. Elsie has served on a transition team for three years as the church looks for a new pastor. She has had back surgery but still has some problems with her left leg and doesn't travel far. She's grateful to be able to get around Buena Vista and Lexington when necessary.

Marge Diener Knapp flew to the West Coast for the holidays and had a wonderful time with her sons and grown grandchildren. They drove to the Oregon coast, where she dipped her fingers in the Pacific Ocean. When she returned to Pennsylvania, bronchitis hit her with a vengeance and she was diagnosed with COPD. She has been going to a pulmonary rehab program to learn how to exercise and to cope with the diagnosis.

Barbara Lloyd Hiller and Jim welcomed a great-granddaughter, Annabelle, born in South Carolina to their ice-skating granddaughter. Barb continues to be active in a women's club, editing the newsletter, and branching out to drama. She had a small part in a skit and then was asked to direct the next production, based on a script from a *Fibber McGee and Molly* radio show from 1945. It was silly, but the audience loved it.

> ***Barbara McFarland Carper '53 and her husband have been across the country three times and visited every state, six Canadian provinces, and Mexico.***

In July, **Barbara Birkenmeyer Mader** received her cochlear implant at UPMC in Pittsburgh; that meant a whole month without hearing while the incisions healed. In August, 22 electrodes were enabled, allowing her to hear, and other electrodes were enabled in October. Barbara said that it's "not perfection, but close – it is magic." Husband Bill had surprise triple bypass surgery in October, so they welcomed a December visit from their grandson, who lives in Chicago and helped them decorate for the holidays.

Rowena Simpson Renn-Hicks married Jim Hicks in September of 2008 in Venice, Italy. They took a cruise to the Greek Isles. She said she had no intention of re-marrying after the 2005 death of husband Ed, but she met Jim in her Sunday school class and he had other plans. They enjoy traveling and attending concerts. Rowena mentioned that **Lucille Schoolcraft Commander** had fallen from the attic, through the ceiling of the garage to the concrete floor below. I contacted Ciel, who said she had a compression fracture, which had to heal by itself, but was thankful it was not more serious.

Gerry Boswell Griffin is grateful to have no major health problems and has enjoyed some short trips and excursions. She returned to Jekyll Island, off the coast of Georgia, for a week. It was her first visit since she moved. She also spent three days in Charleston, S.C. In December, she took a group trip to Pigeon Forge, Tenn. She saw three musical shows and toured the Biltmore House in Asheville, N.C., on the way home.

It was good to hear that **Clelia Boushee Bullard**'s lymphoma has been in remission and, although Ray has had some health issues, they have great confidence in their doctors. Their four daughters and their husbands are well, and the nine grandchildren are progressing as they continue their education and careers. One grandson recently received a degree in aeronautical and mechanical engineering from the University of Florida and had a job with a large company in Tampa awaiting him. Another grandson received a degree in aerospace engineering from Annapolis and was in pilot training in Pensacola, Fla. A sad event in the Bullard family was the death of their beloved 13-year-old German shepherd, Lady, who was a wonderful companion when Clelia was so ill.

Last year was one of travel for **Patti Head Ferguson**, who had some happy times with her children and grandchildren, who are scattered all over the world. She visited Mayan ruins and museums in Mexico and went to Playa Las Tortugas to see turtle hatchings and whales with their "babes."

Elizabeth "Betty" Gavett Breeden, who lost husband Joe in February of 2009, was moved by his military service and by the memorial service in which the family participated. Betty's first husband, Clarke, and his wife attended, and Clarke read the Air Force poem used in many USAF memorial services. Little did they know that seven months later they would all attend military and memorial services for Clarke. Betty volunteers at the library, sings in the church choir, and subs at the organ. She is with the Peninsula Singers, a large chorus based in the Point Loma area of San Diego. In March, along with choirs around the country, they participated in a concert at New York's Carnegie Hall, singing Beethoven's *Mass in C Major* under the direction of English composer John Rutter.

Mim Sollows Wieland was honored by the historical society of her hometown, Maplewood, N.J., in February of 2009. Her grandfather, Edward Balch, the "father" of Maplewood, was the subject of a yearlong exhibit. He built more than 250 homes between 1900 and 1930, and helped establish the town's Methodist church, country club, and bank. Mim, in the role of matriarch, greeted more than 100 guests and shared pictures and anecdotes of her family and of Maplewood's early years. She is the direct descendent of John Balch, who settled in Beverly, Mass., in 1623.

Carmen Zeppenfeldt Catoni's son, Luis Angel, passed away in his sleep at his home in Miami. The family received condolences from all over Europe, and Carmen said she never suspected that Luis was loved and respected by so many important people in the field of music, especially opera. It was his life, even after he saw his career thwarted by his liver problems more than 20 years ago. Carmen stays close to home these days. Although her husband's health condition is basically stable, her arthritis has worsened and she has trouble with the vertebrae in her neck, resulting in a lot of pain. Our thoughts and prayers are with Carmen and her family.

Many of you have not shared your news for a while, and I am eager to keep this column going. Please drop me a line or two any time of the year!

1951

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With few exceptions, the notes I received began with some variation of "What a winter!" As I write this in March, there is hope! Did we hear somewhere that "if winter comes, can spring be far behind?" There were surely weeks when it seemed very distant.

Bob and I continue to enjoy keeping up with our six children and 11 grandchildren. We planned to attend the wedding of our granddaughter (the first of our grandchildren to marry) in Richmond in May. She's a Hokie and was on track to complete dental school at VCU in late summer. We celebrated Bob's 80th

in February with a great trip to Aruba. As we enjoyed the perfect weather and delightful people, we had a hard time not feeling guilty about those who were snowed-in at home! This summer, we plan to go with a group to the Canadian Maritimes for several weeks. We are both blessed with good health and grateful that we chose the right mate 58 years ago!

Ginny Bailes expressed gratitude for good neighbors with frontend loaders and reported (probably with a small degree of envy) that **Kitty Garland Obenshain** was in Florida during the worst of winter. Ginny continues to be in contact with another roommate, **Betty Buck** of Grand Junction, Colo., who transferred before graduation.

Barbara McFarland Carper and her husband have slowed down on their travel but, since his retirement in 1998, they have been across the country three times and visited every state, six Canadian provinces, and Mexico. They enjoy retirement in Virginia Beach, with both of their children living in the area.

Betsy Dickinson Surles and her husband have had more than their share of health issues recently. Her dislocated shoulder and orders not to drive for five months seemed of relatively minor importance when Jesse needed an aortic valve replacement. This year, Betsy planned to teach a Sunday school class for seniors and lead monthly activities. Needlework, writing of her adventures in nine countries, and enjoying activities with old friends fill her days. "Life goes on, and we are delighted to be a full part of it."

Old Man Winter did not keep **Peggy Hopkins Johnson** from taking a great trip to the Florida Keys with her sister. Even the Sunshine State was a little cool for much beach or pool sitting, so they watched dolphins, pig races, and many sunsets, and enjoyed meeting lots of new people.

Ginny Poole Kinniburgh reported on her family's "waltz with the weather." They left Virginia two days after a huge snowstorm for their usual stay in Orlando, Fla., and arrived back a month later to welcome a blizzard that dumped 20 more inches of the white stuff. While they were in Florida, they had lunch with **Kitty Garland Obenshain** and husband Ray at their lovely place on the beach. Back in Virginia, a planned lunch with **Jo Harris** was temporarily snowed out, but later turned into a perfectly delightful occasion, with Jo greeting them at the door with her 50th Reunion pin placed front and center on her blouse! Ginny and John planned to proudly attend their granddaughter's graduation from UMW in May. Annie worked for two years as a student aide in the religion department and received practical experience editing the work of several professors. She plans to continue her studies in literature and editing.

Bert Shelton's hand bell choirs played eight concerts all over the Annapolis, Md., area in December. The five-octave Festival Ringers soloed at a Christmas bell festival and played three other full-fledged concerts. They were to present a DAR program called *American History in Music* this spring. The Anne Arundel County Historical Society published Bert's abbreviated church history last fall. She and **Winnie Hundemann Schurek** keep up over the phone; hopefully, Winnie will share some news next time.

1954

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Thanks to all who sent Christmas or other notes. I do hope I haven't misplaced any, since my organizational skills were never great and are getting worse.

I have a wonderful picture of **Marcia Craddock Frank** holding a baby orangutan at the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans. Marcia helped raise its mother 20 years ago, but the mother wouldn't let the baby nurse. Marcia said that orangutans hold their babies 24/7 for almost a year, and she was called on as a volunteer to take care of this baby. She jumped at the chance and spent two days a week since last June as an "orangu-nanny," loving this baby and loving her "job." It was hoped that the baby would soon be able to join her family. Marcia and her husband enjoyed their visit to Mary Washington for the reunion, and they were surprised by all the changes and growth.

> ***Marcia Craddock Frank '54 has spent two days a week since last June as an "orangu-nanny" to a baby orangutan whose mother she helped raise 20 years ago.***

Georgiana Spillman Stillman didn't get to our reunion last year because of a pre-planned 35-day cruise from Boston to Labrador, Newfoundland, and Greenland, with stops on the north shore of Iceland, Scotland, Rotterdam, Liverpool, Ireland, and the Faroe Islands. Though she said the cruise was too long, she enjoyed seeing that part of the world. She just wouldn't want to live there year round.

Carolyn Osborne Jenkins wrote: "Things are moving right along and it is only the beginning of 2010! I now have glaucoma in both eyes and the drops have an ingredient that the doctors have learned lengthens the eyelashes! They sell it with a prescription for vain people, too! Well, I had used my glaucoma drug for my left eye for several years and the dern lashes grew to be noticeably longer than the [ones on the] right eye! It honestly looked as if I had lost my false eyelashes for my right eye! So I was rather pleased when the doctor telephoned me to say she feared I also had glaucoma in my right eye! I told her I wasn't all that sad about it and why. I am certain she didn't stop laughing until she hung up. Now I am one of those vain people – aarrgh!"

"Bootsie" Simpson Johnson stays busy with her family and extended family. Her granddaughter, Sarah, was completing her senior year of high school, is a very good athlete, and planned to begin studies at Baylor University, her mother's alma mater. She plans to pursue a doctorate in sports therapy. Bootsie shows no sign of cancer now, but was still regaining strength from side effects of irradiation, which can last a long time. Her hearing has been affected, but she's coping well.

Winter storms were particularly bad in Frederick County, Md., where **Helen Hodges Conte** lives, but neighbors with a frontend loader cleared 5 feet of snow so she could get to her car and another path so the cows could get to the hay. She didn't lose power at all, unlike many in the area.

Edwina Wright Blankenbaker had shoulder surgery in November and spent Thanksgiving in "la-la land" due to painkillers. She reached two major milestones on Christmas Eve, getting rid of her sling and dressing herself without help – "whoop-to-do!" They spent Christmas at their daughter's home in Greensboro, N.C. The entire family was together for dinner and Edwina didn't have to cook! According to her husband, Walter, all was going well. She had finished physical therapy, the snow had melted, and the bulbs were in bloom!

All is well also with **Jean Armstrong** other than the usual aches and pains, and taking care of her sweet aged dog. About the reunion, she said, "Maybe we shouldn't wait another five years."

Lillian "Lily" Figueroa Caussade sent photos that she, or son Anibal, took at the reunion, and she said again how much she enjoyed seeing everyone.

Edith Moody Sheffield sent the obituary for **Elizabeth "Betty" Jane Thompson**, who died in Richmond of COPD in December. She was a Fredericksburg native who transferred to Mary Washington from a Pennsylvania school and majored in home economics. Also of Fredericksburg, Jauncey Sweet, husband of **Linda LeHardy Sweet**, died in November, after a long illness. Our deep sympathy goes to both families.

Happy spring to everyone. Write to me.

1955

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Since this will be my last issue as Class Agent (at least, I think so), I want to thank all of you for sending news during the past five years. I have tried to reach everyone, with moderate success, it seems. If I have missed anyone, it was not intentional. I have really enjoyed doing this, since I love to write and to digress, as you all have probably noticed. I prefer to think that my liberal education encouraged "multitask thinking" but, more likely, I just have a cluttered and aging mind!

Charlotte Fisher Klapproth and **Sally Hanger Morovitz** have been my constant email buddies for my entire five-year stint as Class Agent. I can't possibly thank them

enough for all the news and views they've sent my way.

I hope you all enjoyed the reunion and I'm sorry to have missed it, but I just couldn't get away from the store. It is my intention to make the 60th, come what may, even if California has floated off into the ocean or, more likely, is still fighting over the state budget. I'll start with Christmas card news and work up to March.

Since my son and family live in Maryland, and Charlotte and Chris live in Delaware, I got the lowdown on this winter's snows; they were expecting to see grass by June. Charlotte did a lot of reading to help prove to Chris that it was worth moving all her books, which she hopes to read before she turns up her toes.

Coralyn White McGeehan sent a Christmas card with a nice picture of her family. She said she has no news, since her life can be rated G, for which she is grateful. **Sally Hanger Moravitz** and Fran took an Elderhostel trip in January to Amelia Island, off the coast of Florida, with a trip to the Okefenokee Swamp, where she hoped to visit with Pogo. Then, they were off for a cruise and snorkeling in Belize.

Polly Stoddard Heim and Ken took many trips with friends and relatives last year. They went to Florida, wintered in Tucson, Ariz., returned to Idaho, then travelled on to the Olympic Peninsula and Mount St. Helens in Washington. They swam, kayaked, and sailed on Paquette Lake, and finally headed back to Tucson for the winter. They sent a card with many wonderful pictures of the family … and the dog.

I loved the cat card from **Anne Rohrbach Culwell**. Since business had been slower, she was able to take advantage of the situation and give her workers something to do by having them gut her kitchen and do a complete remodel. It was a Christmas gift to herself. She said she feels pretty healthy, except for creaking joints and arthritis, and planned to go to Scottsdale, Ariz., in March. I loved her story of the neighbors with a continuously barking beagle. They moved, and the new neighbors have a beagle that doesn't bark so much, but jumps the fence, and a cat that sneaks into her garage and sleeps on the warm hood of her car. She just puts the cat back over the fence. Think of it as exercise, Anne.

Dorothy Booth Sanders and Dewey started the year with a trip to Florida and ended it in the same place. In between, they managed to travel to Arkansas, Mississippi, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Niagara Falls, Canada. Dotty was busy reading to her grandson's classes at school and with her responsibilities as a minister's wife once again, as Dewey served two interim pastorates. He was still working as many as 12 hours a week and preaching and speaking regularly. He ran in four marathons last year. **Diane Farans Green**'s granddaughter was accepted to UMW and another school. Diane said she wishes her well, whichever school she chooses.

Thanks to **Joan Kleinknecht** for the kind words about being Class Agent, particularly the ones about deadlines coming at you at 90 miles per hour … so true. She said they were lucky this past winter and spring in the part of Connecticut where she lives. They had 2 inches of rain, instead of snow, as in New York. She had her leprechaun and daffodils on the door with her usual greeting sign: "Today is a Gift." She was looking forward to spring, bulbs appearing, and daylight savings time. During the time of our reunion, Joan planned to be in Sammamish, Wash., near Seattle, to help celebrate a 40th birthday in her nephew's family. He's the one she raised and is a lieutenant with the Bellevue Police Department. Joan still paints, tutors, and sits for former students, and was thinking of taking some summer painting workshops.

Joan Darden is still addicted to golf and plays in many tournaments during the year. This winter has put her on "golf hold," and her clubs are thankful for the rest from their many abuses. Competitive duckpin bowling, duplicate bridge, and shooting pool keep her from getting into trouble. She said her co-ed pool team is adorable, and she is the "most mature" member.

Mary Margaret Papstein Carter and husband, who live in New Jersey, spent January in sunny Scottsdale, Ariz., and then returned home to tremendous February snows. Mary works part time at her local library. Her husband keeps busy with volunteer work and with a consulting business that helps local communities organize and catalogue their historic collections. The Carters spend fun times with their sons, three of whom live nearby and one who lives in Arizona. One of their grandsons in Arizona was to graduate from high school in May and they planned to travel there to celebrate the occasion. He has cerebral palsy and has been chosen this year to receive a Courage Award from the city of Tempe in recognition of his ongoing effort to overcome his physical limitations. Congratulations to the whole family.

Well, it's time to call it quits but, of course, I can't just end, so I will subject you to three things I try to live by, which hopefully will be funny, or maybe just inane.

1. If you have a big family party, enjoy everyone. Listen, and I mean listen, to what is said. There will be complaints about the raising of children, the way teenagers dress, and poor old Uncle Bob. Keep your mouth shut and just nod. If you have to say something, a nondescript "mmm" will do. Nobody raised their children the way you did; God forbid you give advice to anyone, for it will come back and bite you.

2. Be sure you know your traveling buddies very, very well. Nothing wrecks a vacation as badly as when one couple wants to go first class and the other wants to go to Motel 6. Someone ends up giving in and feeling piously peeved.

3. The house will always be there to clean. If the day looks promising, ditch the house and seize the day.

Don't use email? We've got you covered!

If you prefer sending your news the old-fashioned way, feel free to send it to:

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Ann Mitchell Wood spent a week in February caring for her two granddaughters in New York, then flew to Florida for a week with a friend. She survived the record snowfall with a flashlight and fireplace for three days. In March, she was off to Hilton Head, S.C., for a week. In April, she planned to spend a week with Elderhostel in West Virginia. In May, she hoped to attend two graduations of grandchildren in Colorado. In June, she was scheduled to take a cruise up the East Coast to Canada.

Nanalou West Sauder has been overly busy as rector of UMW's Board of Visitors. Her term is to end this year, and she planned to sell her farm and move to the Kendal at Lexington retirement community. **Meg White Fary** and husband Frank planned to take the *Queen Mary II* and spend two weeks in France. **June Tingler Buie** recovered from back surgery in September and planned to attend the annual meeting of the Society of Lees of Virginia in late April in Gloucester and Yorktown, Va. She thinks the California alums (there are 11) should get together sometime. If interested, let me know.

Judi Smith Hermanson, also of California, enjoys the mountains and painting. She visits her daughter and four granddaughters in New Jersey, and another little one is expected in September. Judi stays in touch with **Hermie Gross Fox**. **Barbara Strangmann Hiscock** and sister Linda visited their other sister, Lath, in Florida last winter. Barbara was contemplating back surgery. (I sympathize, as I sit here alternating cold and hot packs on my back.) **Mary Gale Buchanan** lives at Ginger Cove, a life care community near Annapolis, Md.

Ashley Kay Saine Nuckols responded to my inquiry about her writing. Among her published works is a series of books on WWII veterans from the Tazewell, Va., area. She also has written a book about fashion at the turn of the last century. Formerly, she wrote newspaper columns about recipes and events of the past.

Carole Petley Toone lost her partner and best friend, Luke, last

year. She remains on the country property they shared. Her grandson is a sophomore at UMW. Carole teaches English to those who speak Spanish and keeps up with two book clubs. Last summer, she visited **Jeanetta Bishop Patane** in Roanoke, Va. Carole planned to visit her son in Montana and her sister in San Diego this summer, then travel to Zion National Park and the north rim of the Grand Canyon.

Jeanne Pinckney of Auburn, N.Y., lives in "a beautiful house built for me by Don and **Josephine McPherson Heslep**." Jo and Jeanne were roommates at Mary Washington. Jeanne has taken several trips with Don and Jo, the most recent to South Africa. Jeanne retired from social work after 33 years and has been a substitute high school teacher ever since. She plays clarinet in a community band that performs during the summer on Lake Skaneateles, one of New York's Finger Lakes. She also enjoys cooking, crafts, and reading.

Anne DePadro Bloom is engaged in real estate in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., but took time off last year for a trip to the Amalfi coast of Italy. **Mickey Foley McDaniel** still plays tennis, practices Pilates, and teaches ESL. Mickey is in charge of our next reunion and says that I can't quit this job until then.

Save the date for our 55th, which will be held the first weekend in June of 2011 "high on Marye's Hilltop."

1957

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When I opened the fall/winter issue of the UMW magazine and didn't see our news, I was sick and so sorry. I had hoped to become more efficient with the computer but it didn't happen. So clear, diligent, and competent **Joan Callahan Frankhauser** has agreed to once again become our Class Agent. Please join me in sending her your news. Her email address is mahlonandjoan@verizon.net.

Hopefully, you caught up on the winter news inside the spring edition of the magazine. Now, here's the spring news:

Virginia Beach Aaron's husband, Jim, wrote of her passing last September. He said they had a 50-year ongoing love affair. Our love and condolences go to the family.

Jane Watson Rawlings and **Dottie Spence Dederick** participated in a Mary Washington-sponsored trip to Jordan and Egypt earlier this year. Jane has taken several UMW trips and highly recommends them.

Sidney Cowles Lincoln is a contented retiree. She writes, paints, and enjoys her grandchildren, phone calls with **Sandy Ball**, and a yearly visit with **Diane Holmes Fletcher**.

I hope these years are peaceful for us all. I apologize for the missed columns. I will be calling for news. Love to all.

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At this writing, my grandson Lucas is 11 months old and continues to thrill me with everything he does. He keeps me happy.

Gloria Winslow Borden had surgery in October to correct complications from a previous neck discectomy and fusion. Her recovery is going well. In September, she fell and damaged her knee, requiring another surgery. Gloria's recent trips include a cruise to the Southern Caribbean in March, a three-day vacation to Las Vegas in August, a tour of Italy in October, and three trips to New York City – one with daughter Cynthia, husband Rob, and his mother; one with granddaughter Shannon, Cliff's daughter; and one to a timeshare. Gloria also took a trip to California to attend the Pepperdine University graduation of the twins, Kate and Beth, Caroline's daughters, plus a side trip to San Diego. She was expecting Caroline and Cynthia's families for Christmas. Gloria gets to see granddaughter Michelle, Beth's daughter, who is in college in New York City, more often these days. Gloria enjoys her retirement home, water aerobics, a book group, potluck dinners at the clubhouse, and volunteering with the Lorton Arts Foundation.

Jane Tucker Broadbooks planned to spend Christmas in Springfield, Ill., with son Jon Karl and his family. **Marsha Phipps Ireland** wrote that all was well.

Cecile Duncan Folan gets together with **Mary Louise Cork Hendrix**, **Marne Reese Jones**, and **Sigrid Stanley Jackman** whenever they can. **Dorothea "Dodie" Reeder Hruby** and Dale celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the Riviera Maya in Mexico with their son and two daughters, their spouses, and nine grandchildren.

Celeste "Pug" Shipman Kaufman and Alan celebrated their 50th anniversary with friends and family at Galatoire's Restaurant in Baton Rouge, La. Their son, Jeff, and wife Pam's oldest son, Smylie, signed a letter of intent to play golf for Louisiana State University next year. After a good summer of golf, he and his brother, Luckie, were starting point guards on the varsity basketball team. Celeste and Alan's daughter Julie and husband John's oldest child, Austin, a sophomore at the University of Alabama, is on a Southeastern Conference championship cross country team. Their daughter, Francie, is an honors student and plans to follow her brother to the University of Alabama with an honors scholarship. Sarah is 12 and in her first year of middle school. Pug and Alan's daughter, Tammie, now has tenure at the University of Central Florida and has published a textbook on timeshare operations. Alan still enjoys coaching golf, and Pug keeps busy keeping up with Alan, the team, and her volunteer duties with palliative care at the university hospital.

> ***Dorothea "Dodie" Reeder Hruby '59 celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary on the Riviera Maya in Mexico.***

As a decade of retirement approaches, **Julia Coates Littlefield** and Maurice "Mo" focus more and more on service to their church. While at the 50th Reunion, they took a side trip up U.S. 17 to Hartwood Road on an ancestral search, which led to information about Julia's great-great-great-great-grandfather. With sister Lucy, Julia subsequently found remnants of the original plantation and other ancestral homes in Stafford County. **Nancy Carneal Dickinson** and Hartwood native, husband Chris, contributed important information to their quest. In July, Mo and Julia extended their annual Maine trip to two weeks so that their children, Bess and Scott, could vacation with them. Bess, husband Mike, and 16-year-old son Jack rented a seaside cottage in Southwest Harbor. Scott, wife Susan, son Chris, and daughter Mary Graham occupied the cabin next to Julia and Mo in Belfast. It was a rare family vacation, including a Littlefield reunion picnic attended by 50 members of Mo's family. Bess and Scott's families were in Lexington for Thanksgiving.

Joan Whittemore Loock and Jim went to St. Martin for a week and Playa del Carmen for two weeks in October. In June, they went to North Carolina for an Alabama Seniors Golf outing, then to Virginia Beach to visit the children. This past year, they had a wonderful week on the beach, instead of in Wisconsin, with all their children and grandchildren. It was their Christmas present. They rented a huge cottage, and the Wisconsin grandchildren got to know the Virginia grandchildren. Jim works two days a week for Coastal Computer Solutions. Joni works the same two days at Coldwater Creek. Their plans for this year included a four-night Carnival cruise from Mobile, Ala., to Cozumel, off the coast of Mexico, in January, and two weeks in Hawaii in February. They were to spend the first week on a Norwegian Cruise Line trip to all the islands and the second week at the Hawaiian Princess Resort on Makaha Beach on Oahu.

Mary Massey and Jack Meiners had a busy year. Jack celebrated his 90th birthday on Sept. 9, 2009 with family, friends, and his hiking club. Their oldest grandchild graduated from Radford University. They attended two Elderhostels. In February, they hiked, snorkeled, and kayaked in Puerto Rico. In April, they visited Montreat, N.C. In June, they attended the Meiners family picnic in Walla Walla, Wash. In July, they enjoyed an Appalachian Trail Conference in Castleton, Vt., with six days of varied, challenging hills and gorgeous scenery. Mary continues to tutor reading, volunteer at the Audubon Naturalist Society, take classes at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Maryland, attend concerts, take Pilates and weight training classes, and hike. Jack grew a fantastic garden last summer and

did a lot of canning and freezing of fresh fruits and veggies. He plays harmonica and sings at a senior center, walks the dog daily, and loves cooking and listening to his collection of big band, jazz, ragtime, and Dixieland music.

Ann Rollins Pyle was busy enjoying her grandson. **Sally Warwick Rayburn** and Jim took a cruise to the Eastern Caribbean aboard the *Eurodam,* a new Holland American ship, last January. Later that month, they joined the Cape Cod sailing club for a weekend at Franklin Lock Park on the Caloosahatchee River in Florida. In February, they participated in the Florida State Winnie Gators campout with their RV group and celebrated their 52nd anniversary. In March, they attended the Winnie Gator rally in Orlando, where they bought a new Winnebago. The end of March and first part of April found them in Hawaii. In June, they readied the new RV for a trip to the Winnebago Grand National Rally in Forest City, Iowa, with their local Caloosa Winnies chapter. They attended seminars and classes, took tours, and participated in local activities. Afterward, they traveled to Pennsylvania to see friends and visit Hershey. From there, they went to Blacksburg, so Jim could tour the campus of his alma mater, Virginia Tech. Next, they went to Greensboro, N.C., to visit son Steve and his family and stopped in Smithfield to visit son Dick and his family. Then, they prepared for their trip to the Galapagos Islands with Dick's family and daughter Ginny and her children. They spent seven days on the National Geographic *Endeavour*, visiting various islands. They returned home with four days to pack for their trip to Sedona, Ariz., and Sally finally saw the Grand Canyon. Ginny and Dick's family were at their house for Thanksgiving. A new family member joined this year. Their little Pekingese, Missy, was given a companion named Maggy.

Irene Piscopo Rodgers and Don took a four-and-a-half-week vacation to celebrate their 40th anniversary. (They have more time since she ended her consulting work.) They took a 14-port, 16-day transatlantic trip aboard the *Prinsendam*. Highlights included Tunisia, where Irene rode a camel in the Sahara; Malta and Gozo for visits with her family; Sicily; Sardinia; France; Spain; Portugal; and the Canary Islands, where she took a 7.2-mile roundtrip walk into a volcano, over sand and rough lava, and into lava tubes. She was one of 19 to complete this arduous adventure. Their last port of call, Madeira in Portugal, was their favorite and the most beautiful. They rode a cable car 2,000 feet above the city and took an exciting sleigh ride down the steep, winding streets. It was a nice ending to their trip. They also traveled to Florida to see friends in Palm Beach and Irene's cousins for Thanksgiving.

Phyllis Hartleb Rowley and Jim celebrated their 50th with a three-week cruise to Portugal, Spain, France, and Italy. All three sons, Philip, Jay, and Dave, are doing well in their careers, and their families are fine. They all were at Phyllis and Jim's house for Thanksgiving. **Frances Bourke Firth** and husband Rog are absolutely enjoying retirement. **Mary Carolyn Jamison Gwinn**'s mother is doing well, though she fell in April and now gets around on her walker. Mary Carolyn still teaches the Little Sunshine math class at her grandson's school. He is 9 years old and in third grade. Burt had cataract surgery on his left eye. Mary Carolyn had it on her right eye and planned to have it on her left eye in January.

Patricia Gray Proulx and Dan toured Alaska in August. **Audrey Grimes Wright** went, too, and had a good time. In November, they toured Lancaster, Pa.

Barbie Upson Welch '61 completed tests for her pilot's license.

Arthur Old (husband of the late **Eleanor Markham**) had no health problems this year. He resigned from his flying club after 36 years and turned to sports aviation, which involves lighter planes. Son Jim is a senior associate with Booz Allen Hamilton. Wife Beth left Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters and took a supervisory position with another healthcare organization, giving her regular hours and weekends and holidays off. The grandsons are growing like weeds. Parker, 16, and Tyler, 15, play soccer and lacrosse.

Ann Watkins Steves and Bob celebrated their 50th anniversary last Christmas by taking a cruise with their family, children, and grandchildren. Son David and wife Rhonda's daughter, Brittany, and her husband, Steve, welcomed a little girl named Lillian. David and Rhonda's son, Chad, and wife Chantel, were expecting a little girl after the holidays. Their eldest son, Bruce, and wife Janet are doing well in Florida. They have an empty nest, as daughter Sarabeth is at the Georgia Institute of Technology and daughter Natalie is at South Florida University. Ann and Bob spent Thanksgiving with their daughter, Linda, and husband Mark, who are kept busy with a house full of teenagers. They also visited with son Bill, wife Julie, and daughter Stella. Ann's mother is 98 and doing remarkably well.

Priscilla Brown Wardlaw's mother is 99! Pete's sons, Rob and Chris, and Chris's wife, Ryoko, are fine. **Barbara Barndt Miller** finished her log cabin in Leicester, N.Y. Each trip there lasts three weeks. She loves her woodstove and said, "Let it snow!" Her four Jack Russells have made the trip and enjoy their new digging territory. In her spare time, Barbara continues to practice her new sport, golf. Daughter Anne also plays during every spare moment. Barbara's champion pony, Rosie, had her first season of fox hunting with the Geneseo Valley Hunt Club. She was unfazed going down the main street, followed by 75 riders, during the opening meet in September. Barbara was the nervous one! She is still treasurer for the Pennsylvania Horse Shows Association and active with her church. She planned to winter in Pennsylvania.

Charlotte Wohlnick Wiggs and Archie visited relatives last summer in West Virginia, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio, and Virginia. Charlie's big kick was putting her toe in three Great Lakes. Archie was happy fishing. Their daughter, Tracey, husband Andy, and daughters Molly and Anna are at their new assignment in Vietnam. Charlie and Archie visited in February, touring Ho Chi Minh City, Hanoi, Hue, Angkor Wat, and Cambodia. Their son, Alan, and wife Dale are fine.

Jean Jones McNabb lives in Virginia Beach, and her twin girls are fine. Katherine is married, lives in Leesburg, and has one son, Michael. Elizabeth lives in Virginia Beach. Jean gets together with **Duane Massey** frequently.

Sally Steimetz was in the hospital for several months due to an infection in her leg, which is why she missed the 50th Reunion. **Madeline Lankford Withers** was diagnosed with colon cancer after the reunion, but was cancer-free after surgery. **Marianne Carrano Raphaely** continues chemo sessions and is in our thoughts.

It always breaks my heart when I have to inform you of the ones we have lost. In December, **Audrey Dubetsky Doyle** lost Tom, and **Gail Fallon Neal** lost Marcus. Jean Jones McNabb called with the news that **Eula Kindley Morton** died in January. Our condolences go out to all.

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Hello, Class of 1960. By the time you receive this news, our 50th Reunion will have come and gone. If you were able to come, you probably spent a lot of time talking to classmates and getting reacquainted with them. We'll have lots to write about the reunion for the next issue.

Darrell and I (Karen) planned to travel from Arizona to the East Coast in our little camper to attend a granddaughter's high school graduation in Florida in mid-May, spend a week of round dancing in Fontana, N.C., and attend our 50th Reunion in Fredericksburg. After visiting friends and relatives in the Washington, D.C., area, we planned to head back to Florida to visit Disney World, of all places, to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary with our two children, their spouses, and all seven grandchildren. (Our anniversary isn't until September, but June was the only time we could corral the whole family for a celebration.) The mountains of Arizona and the senior camp at our summer resort should be looking pretty good to us by July.

Janet Garriss Lewis of Mechanicsville, Va., is a substitute teacher and member of an investment club, as well as Beta Sigma Phi. **Gray Shafer Dodson** wrote that, while she was reorganizing her office, she came across a copy of our "Lost Lamb List," spotted **Patricia Skipper Hunter**'s name, and got in touch with her. Pat transferred

to Richmond Professional Institute after sophomore year but is found and back in our fold, thanks to Gray.

In their nearly 50 years of marriage, **Betty Ditmars Prosser** and her husband have seldom had health problems at the same time, until last year. It was hard for them, she said, but harder on their cat and dog who got little attention all year. In January, the Prossers seemed to be on the mend and were looking forward to being "new and improved" in 2010. However, since then Betty had a pacemaker installed, was to have undergone many heart tests, and probably had heart surgery. Keep her in your prayers, and we'll keep you posted on her condition.

When we last talked to **Dodie Tyrell**, she was awaiting a two-week medical deployment to Haiti after the earthquake there. She had been on standby to go to American Samoa last year but didn't have to go after the typhoon missed the territory. (By now, she might have been deployed to Chile or Turkey.)

Syd Collson Chichester went on a missionary trip last fall to Africa that made a lasting impression on her. The main purpose of the trip involved collecting DNA from Ghanaian males trying to find American links to their genetic lines. She traveled from the capital, Accra, to Princes Town, a sister city of Fredericksburg. Syd said that the people in Ghana were lovely, the children were very outgoing and curious about Americans, and the team was treated like royalty wherever they went, but the abject poverty in Ghana made it difficult to evaluate the trip. Back in Fredericksburg, Syd reads to children in Head Start and volunteers at the SPCA. She took a post-Katrina mission trip to the final home they built in Gulfport, Miss., where she cooked, and caulked wall and floor joints. While Mary Washington didn't actually prepare her for these types of jobs, Syd said, the "seed to serve others was surely planted while there."

Ever the urban sophisticate, **Rose Bennett Gilbert** enjoys living in the New York City environs, with its many artistic and cultural enticements. She is busy and "happily buried" by her latest project, a new monthly newsletter, in addition to the two weekly columns she has written for some time. *Décor Score* for Creators Syndicate appears in newspapers around the country, and *Ask Rose* is featured by hardwoodinfo.com. Rose planned to be the featured speaker at our reunion.

Jody Campbell Close is still involved with the Friends of the Library in Clermont, Fla. Their new building is complete and occupied, but she's still heading up the team, planning book sales and other events to help support the project.

We lost two of our sisters last year. **Eizenija "Mika" Bergman Shera** passed on in December and **Ann Stinchcomb Harvey** died in October. Mika was born in Latvia, survived WWII and refugee camps, and came to the United States with her family at age 10. After Mary Washington, she received a master's degree in library science from Columbia University. During her career, she was an assistant to a U.S. senator from Connecticut, worked at publishing houses in London, and was a published author of books about topics that ranged from cuisine to Queen Victoria. Ann and her husband lived in West Windsor, N.J. Your Class Agents extended condolences to both women's families.

I received the sad news that **Elaine Smith Venn** died in March at Hospice House in Charlottesville, Va. Her three children all were with her. Earlier that same day **Barbara Broome Bell**, **Margaret Reed McPherson**, **Marilyn Pettit Freidag**, and **Margie Saunders Howell** had visited Elaine, who was almost 72. Her husband, Jerry, died in March 2002.

If you couldn't make the reunion, or you did and we didn't get to talk with you, we want to know how you are and what you're doing so we'll have lots of news for the fall issue of the magazine. Please keep the cards, letters, and emails coming.

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Save the date for our 50th Reunion, June 3–5, 2011!

From Connie: I'm sure we all want to put this past record-breaking winter behind us. But winter does bring Christmas cards with pictures and news, such as the photo montage from **Dee Doran Cairns** and Doug. Doug's Air Force Academy class had a mini-reunion, first in Annapolis, Md., for the Air Force-Navy football game, then on to Germany and France, stopping in France at the beaches at Normandy, Verdun, Reims, and Paris. They were able to go via space-available military air, with no advanced travel reservations, which turned out to be "gloriously successful." Other highlights of their year include cooking their own Mediterranean foods, primarily Italian, since their son Rob and family are living in Naples until 2011. Dee's 70th birthday was spent with all the family, including daughter Cathy, mother of Dee's oldest grandson, Chris Brown, who is an electrical engineering student at Auburn University. Dee and Doug suggest we start thinking about our class gift for the 50th Reunion. Any ideas or thoughts are most welcome.

> *Emily Lewis '62 was working for six months at a mental health clinic in Thimpu, in the South Asian country of Bhutan.*

Dee's roomie, **Patty Cairns Hourin**, and husband Jim were happy to welcome son Scott, a Marine major, soon-to-be lieutenant colonel, safely home from Afghanistan in early December – just in time for Christmas with wife Lisa and two daughters, and for Jim's 70th birthday. Patty's other two sons continue to fly, Michael for FedEx and Bill for Delta. Michael, Bill, and Jim are involved with the consulting firm Check Six, which trains industry people in successful military methods used by fighter pilots, resulting in increased efficiency and safety on oil rigs. Patty plays golf and tennis regularly, is the senior warden of her church, and often visits her mother, Doris, in Virginia.

Dee Cairns sent news of **Sylvia Garland Wickwire**. She and Bob have been in Savannah, Ga., for more than 10 years and the Cairnses see them when they go to Tybee Island. Sylvia's mother lives with them, which is demanding for Sylvia and Bob. They have some help, but it has kept them from travelling. We hope they will make it to the reunion!

Ellen Gotwalt Willing sent a lovely picture, including hubby Bill, daughter Susan and husband Matt, and 10-year-old grandson Andrew, taken on Ellen's 70th birthday in June. She looks great and her family does, too! Ellen visits them often at their home in Vienna, Va. Ellen and Bill live in York, Pa., and have spent the last two winters in Naples, Fla., where they have a full life that includes an annual luncheon for about 80 "Yorkers" who flee the snow. At home, Ellen stays busy with volunteer work and exercise classes. In October, they went on Grand Circle Travel's 51st anniversary trip to London, and who should also be on the trip but **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** and Art! Neither couple knew the other was going, and they had a wonderful time. It was Ellen's first trip to London, and Bill had not been since 1945, while in the Navy. Ellen sent a marvelous photo of the four of them smiling broadly in front of the gates of Buckingham Palace!

Carolyn Crum Pannu attended the Stitches West 2010 gathering in February and was enthralled by the displays, especially the yak fiber, made from combing yaks and spinning their wool into natural shades of cream and brown for soft, yet expensive, yarn. She was excited about May plans to travel to New York with daughter Kara. They were to honor Carolyn's brother's memory at the 50th reunion of Company K-2 at West Point and spend the rest of the week in Manhattan, seeing *Hair* and roaming around. Carolyn's son, Raj, and family were to travel from Dallas, and her younger brother and his wife were to come from Chattanooga, Tenn., to attend Carolyn's niece's wedding in early May. Next year, Carolyn plans to join Renee in Los Angeles before heading to the Mary Washington Reunion. Carolyn said, "Much love to you all."

I honestly think **Sarah Leigh Kinberg** missed her calling as a humor writer! She can make the most serious situation funny, and I always get a kick out of her Christmas letter. She has been recovering from an unusual lymphoma tumor that had been treated since November of 2008 with Rituxan, which left her with no energy. However, last summer, she did "wake up" long enough to visit

daughter Sarah Leigh and French husband Andreas at their 1786 manor house in France. It has lots of history, including a connection with one of The Three Musketeers, thus the house is named "Les Trois Mousquetaires." The house also requires lots of work, including the two-week removal of a "whopper" stump by Tom, who used his Alaskan woodsman skills! Sarah and Tom's son, Tom ("Mr. CSI"), still does forensics and sells stamps. Sarah helps him catalog them to take to shows. They planned a trip to the East Coast in March.

Congratulations are in order for **Barbie Upson Welch**, who finally completed tests for her pilot's license in November! I think it's fantastic that some people our age can take on something out of their comfort zone and accomplish it. Now, she and hubby Chuck can flit around the country and avoid the security lines! Barbie manages the gift shop at the retirement facility in Wilmington, Del., where they live when they are not at their retreat in the Pocono Mountains.

Jean Ryan Farrell and Frank continue to travel abroad, as well as dive and ski. They spent five weeks in southeast Asia on an Overseas Adventure Travel (OAT) trip. They visited Thailand and spent two weeks in Singapore, visiting son Bobby, his wife, Natale, and grandson Andrew. They also went to England and Scotland, visiting family, including Bobby's daughter, Karin, at Durham University in England. For the first time in eight years, all three sons and their families were to be together in Atlanta for Christmas! Oldest son Frank lives there with wife Cece, three kids, two dogs, and nine puppies. Youngest son David wife Patty, and two children have returned from living in Switzerland. In April, Jean and Frank planned to take an OAT trip along the Dalmatian Coast, the same trip Andy and I took last September. They sent great photos; they look like they're the same ages as their sons and their wives!

World travelers **Eleanor Knight Jensen** and Cliff left home to winter in Hawaii just before the first of the major snowstorms struck the East Coast. They spent two weeks in Waikiki during the holidays and relaxed in Kauai in January. They spent much time on the Kona Coast of the Big Island of Hawaii, and Eleanor said that the weather there is "about as good as it gets," with high temperatures in the low 80s, low humidity, and little rain. They had some excitement in late February, after the earthquake in Chile, when tsunamis were forecast and guests at their Big Island resort were evacuated to higher ground as a precaution. Fortunately, a tsunami didn't materialize there. Cliff's photos are wonderful, and Eleanor looks happy and relaxed.

> ***Judy Wolfe Allen '62 and Betsy Lydle Smith '63 were kidney donors; Judy donated to her sister and mentored Betsy as she donated to her husband.***

Unfortunately, not all our classmates are in good health, including **Patsy Whitehead Towle**. Dee Cairns sent an update from Patsy's daughter, Stephanie Anderson, who said that her mother's disease progressed rapidly throughout the past year. The doctors think she has frontal lobe dementia, or Pick's disease, rather than Alzheimer's, which was originally diagnosed. Although Pick's disease progresses more rapidly than Alzheimer's, the treatment for both is the same. They moved Patsy to a new home with a memory-care wing. She has her own room with her own things, and gets lots of one-on-one attention. The two full-time caregivers took an immediate liking to her and her wonderful spirit, and Patsy has adjusted well and seems more comfortable. Stephanie said that there are only women on her wing right now, so "Heather and I got a good laugh to see all the ladies having lunch together. It reminded us of happier days of Friday clubs and ladies' lunches."

I get emails daily from **Bev Carlson Shea**. She attended the annual Christmas luncheon of the Harvard Club in New York City with son Dan and his family, including granddaughter Katherine. Bev's roomie, **Joan Gibson Lippold**, and Jim travel a lot. For the past 11 years, they have taken five to 10 trips per year and spent mid-January through mid-February in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. They have been to every country in Europe and have visited China, Russia, and Hawaii. Since 1999, they have taken six big-ship cruises, but river cruises, especially in Europe, are their favorites. They've taken seven river cruises with their favorite tour group, Grand Circle Tours out of Boston. Through the Disney Vacation Club, Joan and Jim take their children and grandchildren (ages 8, 10, and 11) to Disney World every other year, and the two of them go every November and March for adult fun.

From Renee: You guys still tell me that your news isn't interesting. Of course it is, because it's about your life. You don't have to be a movie or rock star to be interesting. You are our cherished classmate in whom the rest of us are quite interested. So, let me hear from you.

I'm happy to know that there is enthusiasm for our 50th Reunion among the members of my group! Start planning, gang; it will be truly wonderful to gather half a century after we started our adult lives.

Each February, I participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count and always look forward to the return of those species that migrate south. Watching the various live eagle cams in Canada, North Carolina, West Virginia, and Virginia has become particularly interesting and relaxing to me. If time permits, I also check the bear cam and two owl cams. Major renovation projects, started three years ago, were completed in February. I'm still very much involved in genealogy and keep busy with classes, lunches and dinners with friends, theater, and concerts. My golden retriever mix, Gracie; Bichon Frise mix, Buddy; black, part-Persian cat, Dickens; and black-and-white tuxedo cat, Domino, are pure joy. (All of my animals are rescues.) I also feed two outside cats, Rita and D2 (sadly, D2's twin, R2, was run over and killed last year), who have been with me for 10 years. When it's cold or rainy, I make them come inside, though they don't like it. They have not had a fun winter.

Debbie Phinney Wylie traveled to Missouri to spend the holidays with her two sons, her daughter, and her four grandchildren. It was, as always, a lot of fun. In January, she went to Georgia to celebrate her granddaughter's 11th birthday. Debbie was awaiting spring in New England and our 50th Reunion.

Marcia Minton Keech sent well wishes. **Marilyn Messier Whitmore**'s 10 grandchildren live nearby, and she and Bill often spend weekends attending their sporting events and concerts. Bill hasn't retired, but they get away as much as possible, staying at their Las Vegas home five days a month. They recently took a two-week cruise to Hawaii, sailing out of Los Angeles and spending four days at sea just to get there. Marilyn said, "If you want a totally relaxing two weeks, this cruise is the answer." She plans to attend the 50th Reunion next spring and hopes a lot of our classmates do, too.

Sylvia McJilton Woodcock's husband, Stuart, had a second knee replacement in January and was back to working out at the YMCA. They visited **Marcia Minton** and Bill Keech in November in Hilton Head, S.C. Sylvia said that the Keeches live in Savannah, Ga., and love the area. The Woodcocks also visited former UMW President Bill Anderson and wife Jane, who live in Hilton Head.

Peggy Howard Hodgkins doesn't sit still! She recently went to Florida to see family and friends who are snowbirds from Maine. In March, for her mud-season escape, Peggy planned to visit her sister in Athens, Ga., for three weeks. Peggy's sons grew up skiing and the grandkids learned to ski when they were 2. They all go to her condo to ski every weekend from mid-December to the end of March. There are so many of them that there's no room for Peggy, but she enjoys the peace and quiet.

News of several classmates came from **Lynn McCarthy**, who emails a lot with **Graham Walker Burns** during March Madness, since they both are rabid basketball fans. Lynn said that Graham survived all the snow and a major power outage in her Chattanooga, Tenn., neighborhood. **Judi Early Bidwick**, **Betsy Ottley Taggart**, **Jane Hoffman**, **Nancy Woolfolk Agee**, and Lynn also email frequently. Nancy went to Disney World early this year. Jane moved last year and loves her new home and neighborhood. Judi is still active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Betsy's busy life in Wyoming continues to be filled with music.

Marg Gilfoyle Powell and Gene took a cruise to South America and Antarctica last year, and Marg recently traveled to Tanzania and Zanzibar. The Powells also became proud grandparents of a little girl.

En route to see their daughter in England in October, **Barbara Steen Paulman** and husband Roger visited

Let us hear from you!

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Prudie Shepard. The Paulmans have a second home on Lake Huron. Prudie lost her beloved chocolate lab, Tucker, late last fall, but now has Molly, a yellow shelter lab. Prudie is a huge animal lover, feeding deer, wild turkeys, and all kinds of birds. She drives for Meals on Wheels and volunteers to drive the elderly to doctors' appointments. She also takes a weight training class.

Happy spring to all.

From Lynne: I was very tardy in sending my news request this time, and I thank those of you who responded so promptly.

I bit the bullet and had cataract surgery on both eyes (needless to say, not at the same time) last year and am happy to have that behind me. Sandy and I have no exotic travel plans but have been concentrating on home improvements, such as window replacements and built-ins. We survived the snow, which broke records. We planned to return to Boca Grande, Fla., for a couple weeks in April but, otherwise, we plan to stay in New York and Connecticut.

Janie Riles teaches watercolor classes in her San Diego studio. She spent a week teaching a painting workshop in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and plans to lead her 10th annual painting workshop in Cannes, France, in September. She took a cruise through the Panama Canal and down to Santiago, Chile, in December. After Christmas, her art students gave her a surprise 70th birthday luncheon!

Judy Saunders Slifer and her twin, **Eleanore Saunders Sunderland**, were on a Viking cruise in Russia, from St. Petersburg to Moscow, last September, when Judy began suffering excruciating pain, which she kept to herself, according to Eleanore. Judy was a trooper getting on and off tour buses and walking around, but upon their return home, she was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, which had caused the bone marrow in her spine to collapse on her spinal nerve. Eleanore was her caregiver for the next five months while Judy went through very difficult chemo. She is now on a much kinder chemo, so Eleanore can return to her own life. Unfortunately, Judy will have to cope with a severe case of neuropathy of her hands and feet for some time. She said that **Polly Updegraff Champ** has been a wonderful friend throughout her ordeal. I am certain that Judy would welcome calls, notes, or emails from classmates.

Marcy Trembath Pitkin also had some medical issues. She had a successful right hip replacement in December and walked out the door pain free two days later. She then had a bad reaction to medications and was unable to eat normally for three weeks. During that time, she also contracted shingles on the back of her head, which kept her from social activities during the holidays. Finally, she had a bout of labyrinthitis (inner ear inflammation) before the year ended. Poor Marcy must have been delighted to ring in 2010 with all this behind her.

Lloyd Tilton Backstrom and Art, who still adore skiing, went to Vail, Colo., in December, before it became too crowded. In late January, they went to Sun Valley, Idaho, meeting a group of friends from Mount Hood, with whom they've skied for about 10 years. Lloyd said that they aren't ambitious skiers but enjoy the friendships. In February, they had a short visit with **Pat Scott Peck** in Miami, touring Vizcaya Museum & Gardens and driving along the Atlantic to see South Beach.

Katharine Nell Robinson May and Richard might be in New York during summer for some sporting events, and I hope we can get together. They continue to take courses at William & Mary, taught by retired faculty. They planned to take a riverboat cruise through Holland and Belgium in April. Their five grandchildren seem to bring them enormous joy; 2-year-old identical twin girls and their 6-year-old brother are nearby, and another 2-year-old and a baby are enjoyed via Skype.

The only other tidbits I can share are those I found on Facebook. **Sue Wilson Sproul** does volunteer work for Penrose-St. Francis Health Services in Colorado Springs, Colo., and said that it is good to spend the day with cheerful therapists and grateful patients. **Pepper Jacobs Germer** sings in the choir and plays piano for their Special Ministries Sunday school class, which she has done for 25 years!

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Our Class Agent, **Pat Mackey Taylor**, took a three-week trip to Australia and asked me (**Nancy Powell Sykes**) to get the Class Notes together for her. To gather some news, I got on the phone; I'm not on Facebook yet. I have enjoyed chatting with classmates. It reminds me what a treasure it is to have longtime friends with shared memories. So, let's stay in touch! Put the first weekend in June of 2012 on your calendar, and make plans now to be at our 50th Reunion.

Pat suggested I talk to **Joan Akers Rothgeb** for updates on class members. Joan enjoys being with her grandchild and was looking forward to the arrival of another. **Gale Taylor Drew**, **Betsy Carper Cole**, **Donna Floyd Parker,** and **Sue Grandy Farrar** visited with Joan when they came to a gardening workshop in Nelson County, Va. Gale has a "very happy life" and travels a lot. Sue is the director of a county history museum in Christiansburg, Va. Joan stays in touch with **Ann Sykes Lyons**, who is a docent at Gunston Hall in Northern Virginia. She also hears from **Jane Walshe McCracken**, **Emily Lewis**, and **Ethel Hill**.

Several classmates reported that **Sue Katz Lieberman** died in February, after being diagnosed in December with an aggressive form of leukemia. Our condolences to the family.

I stay in touch with **Kathy Clark Wary**, who was my roommate. She left after junior year to marry a Marine and move to California, where they still live, dividing their time between a condo in Stockton and a ranch in Northern California. Last year, during a walk with her rambunctious puppy, Kathy was thrown to the ground and broke her hip. She is doing well now, especially since a "gold shot" treatment eased her rheumatoid arthritis.

Some classmates live near me. I checked in with **Linda DeAlba Filer**, who lives in Newport News, Va. She is retired and volunteers as a detective assistant, making follow-up calls (no gun involved) for the Newport News Police Department. Her children live in Virginia and she has two grandchildren. She is doing well since a botched back surgery last year was corrected. Linda is an avid bridge player and is active in Sunday school and the Red Hat Society.

Betty Pritchard Wood of Smithfield, Va., recently retired from real estate. Her children and five grandchildren live in the Atlanta area, so she travels there often. **Susie Booth Thurber** of Alabama babysits for and skis with her six grandchildren. Her husband retired and has five "part-time" non-paying jobs. Susie volunteers with the Christian Women's Job Corps, a group that trains seniors to return to the workforce.

Myrtle Lee Dean France retired from the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division in 1995 and recently gave up a seasonal job doing taxes. She is chairman of deacons, and church work keeps her busy. She and her husband are "country farm people" in Montross, Va. The day I spoke with her, she had seen 29 wild turkeys in the field beside her waterfront home. Her two grandsons, Ben and Aaron, live nearby. She keeps up with **Lillian Ann Dix Smith**, **Georgianne Maloy Hull**, and **Vanelia Oakley Gallagher.**

When I saw that **Connie Sage O'Kane** lives in the Cayman Islands (500 miles south of Miami), I had to call! She and her husband, who are scuba diving fans, fell in love with the islands on vacation and moved there in 1994, after retiring early from their jobs in Texas. They have a second home in Minnesota, 13 miles from the Canadian border. Connie's two sons and three grandchildren live in Houston.

Bonnie Platt Larson has seven grandchildren; five live nearby in New Jersey, and she enjoys following them in sports. She works with Family Promise, an organization that places homeless families in church programs. Bonnie lost her husband about two years ago and said **Kakki Perry Aydlotte** and **Dee Morris Garland** were very supportive. Kakki has one child and nine grandchildren!

Kathleen Sprenkle Lisagor was beginning to emerge from

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the paperwork required to settle her husband's estate and was looking forward to relaxing. **Joyce Wilborn Lacy**, **Louise Couch Girvin**, and **Peggy Downs** visited Kathleen in Fredericksburg this year. Kathleen recently was diagnosed with hypercalcemia (too much calcium in the blood) and was receiving treatment at University of Virginia Hospital. Kathleen keeps up with piano by playing with daughter Amy, who is a minister of music at a local church. Kathleen has eight grandchildren.

Ann Tench Huml and Jerry spent a lovely week after Christmas in Long Beach, Calif., with their eldest daughter and her family. It was all the sweeter in that their second child (a daughter) and her three girls were also there. Ann and Jerry planned to visit Ann's youngest sister, Sharon, who attended Mary Washington for one year, in Stuart, Fla., and hoped for nice weather. Ann said they only had snow once at the beach and, thankfully, it left about as soon as it came. She still has her real estate license and is semi-retired. A daughter lives with her and goes to graduate school, and another daughter is in San Diego, but there are no grandchildren. Ann enjoys traveling and scrapbooking, has been a features writer for a local monthly business newspaper for 10 years, and recently won an award for one of her articles!

Ann relayed that **Emily Lewis** and husband Tony Andres were working (Emily at a mental health clinic and Tony teaching English) for six months in Thimpu, in the South Asian country of Bhutan. Emily and Tony happened to be at an international fair on the mall in Washington, D.C., last summer and met someone from that country who voiced the need for volunteers. It took more than 32 hours in the air to get there! Ann received a message from Emily, saying they arrived safely. Ann also relayed that **Mary Lott Haglund** and David were to take off on their quest to do the "great circle" via their boat, *Ganymede*. Ann thinks that the boat was in the Annapolis, Md., area and that the Haglunds would head north, weather permitting, to ultimately return home to Houston via the Mississippi River.

I want to thank all of you who responded to my notes and emails asking for information. Thanks, also, to **Betsy Chamberlain Hartz** for passing along the message. Once again, I've had such fun talking to women I hadn't seen or heard from in nearly 50 years. I even took a chance and tracked down my freshman year roommate, **Annette Klingensmith**, who left Mary Washington after one semester.

My not-so-new (we married in September) husband and I planned to travel to Italy and Germany in May and June. In August, we plan to share a beach house with all the children and grandchildren on Long Beach Island, N.J. We've done this before with mixed results, but I'm looking forward to it!

Sara Bleick of Burbank, Calif., retired in 2007 after 40 years in the entertainment industry, mostly in animation. Since she spent a good deal of that time either in Europe or Asia, she's happy to put down some real roots. Sara said she chose Burbank because, despite being a bit of a joke, it actually is a pleasant town that works hard at not being Los Angeles. It also is full of old colleagues from Disney and longtime friends. After years spent in service to other people's creative egos, she at last has the freedom to do her own thing and was working on a series of short graphic films about political subjects. Sara said, "Seated at my desk, looking out a broad window at the tops of still-green trees and working on my latest project, I cannot think of anywhere else I'd rather be."

Sally Smith Corbin is happily married to Dick after 46 years. They have three grown children, each of whom has two children, and they all live within a mile of Sally and Dick. They enjoy family gatherings and sharing their grandchildren's sports and school activities. They both still enjoy working but look forward to retirement in two or three years.

Sally Sutherland wrote from the Richmond area that they were as sick of all the snow as we were in Northern Virginia. She said it seemed as though all they did all winter was hibernate. Sally planned to exhibit three watercolor paintings at the Studio School of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts this spring as part of a class exhibit set to run concurrently with the opening of the museum's new wing. Sally has enjoyed taking classes there and was excited about exhibiting for the first time.

Annie Reardon Crowley Rowe and husband Mack live in Madison, Va., so she and I meet periodically in Fredericksburg to catch up. Annie is writing a novel about a haunted house, runs the newly formed Madison Writers Group, volunteers at the Culpeper Regional Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop, and sells books on Amazon.com. Together, Annie and Mack also volunteer as "breakfast buddies" at their local primary school.

> ***Sally Sutherland '63 exhibited, for the first time, three watercolor paintings at the Studio School of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts this spring.***

Cathy Compton Caputo of Annapolis, Md., lives in what seems to be a delightful spot close to the water, giving her lots of opportunities to walk. She retired from human resources in the county library system, where she focused on conservation. She earned a master's degree in philosophy from a seminary in Minnesota.

Betsy Lydle Smith of California stayed in close touch last year with **Judy Wolfe Allen '62** of La Jolla, Calif., as they both were kidney donors. Judy donated to her sister and mentored Betsy as she donated to husband Pete. Both transplants were successful and everyone is healthy and grateful for medical miracles!

Betsy loves her work as a virtues project facilitator, doing staff training with teachers and parents to help create school environments filled with caring, peace, respect, and responsibility. She's had opportunities to train facilitators in diverse places such as Mount Fuji, Japan; Tok, Alaska; and Gitwangak, British Columbia; and to facilitate a workshop at the Dalai Lama's conference in Seattle. In her words, "I felt that life had come full circle as I walked across the beautiful Spelman College campus in Atlanta one early morning in the humidity that reminded me so much of Mary Washington those many years ago, while I was working with beautiful, brilliant black women, and grateful that times have changed from those days of segregation in 1963." Betsy recently caught up with **Susan Rutan Joehnk** in California. Betsy's greatest joy come from her granddaughters, Parker and Addison, who live nearby in Bellevue, Wash. In summary, Betsy said she is "still laughing, still married, and looking forward to our 50th Reunion!"

Mary "Beth" Taylor Schreiner and I unknowingly crossed paths at a begonia exhibit at Green Spring Gardens in Northern Virginia last summer, but she recognized me from a photo that subsequently appeared in the newsletter. Beth and husband Bob planned to travel to Atlanta for the U.S. Masters Swimming national championship meet in May. She was the defending champion in all her events but didn't expect to defend them all successfully, since she noted that she would be – ahem – the oldest woman in her age group. She and Bob planned to celebrate their 45th anniversary in June on a Mediterranean cruise from Rome to Venice, with lots of interesting ports of call in between.

Catherine Foster Skala and husband Charlie moved to Boulder, Colo., from Smith Mountain Lake in Virginia in 2006. Before spending14 years in Virginia, they lived in Southern California for 30 years. She has two children and four grandchildren from her first marriage, and Charlie has two children and five grandchildren from his first marriage. All together, the nine grandchildren, ages 5 to 22, keep them busy. One granddaughter attends the University of Colorado at Boulder. Cathy's career includes teaching public speaking and drama in junior high school and high school, sales, and more recently, hosting for 10 years (1996–2006) *The Back Porch*, a TV program out of Franklin County, Va. She is a volunteer chaplain at a hospital in Boulder and serves on the boards of the American Association of University Women and the University Women's Club. She is a passionate gardener, bridge player, and reader. Hiking is year round in Boulder and, of course, winter is for snowshoes. They worship at St. John's Episcopal Church, where she is president of a chapter of the Order of the Daughters

of the King, an Episcopal group for women dedicated to prayer and service. Cathy and her Mary Washington roommate of four years, **Susan Rutan Joehnk**, still maintain their friendship.

Betsy Chamberlain Hartz, **Nancy Lee Leidy**, and **Sally Tarrant Bertnert** get together frequently; they've been friends since elementary school. Betsy also emails with **Patsy Ballou Hindman**, **Jean Duncan**, and **Cheryl Fishburne Krugh**, who lives in Pittsburgh. Betsy still works at St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond. **Jean Duncan** has worked for the Navy in Charleston, S.C., for many years and has no plans to retire. She has done numerous jobs in the contracting field and is a cost and price analyst.

Patsy Ballou Hindman taught ninth-grade math and algebra for one year at Floyd E. Kellam High School in Virginia Beach after graduating from Mary Washington. She married Bob Saunders in 1964 and divorced him in 1982. In 1994, Patsy married Tom Hindman, a South Carolina native and a Citadel graduate. In 1995, she retired from the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Md., after working as a mathematician for more than 30 years. She lives in Isle of Palms, S.C., a barrier island just north of Charleston. She has two daughters, Donna in Poolesville, Md., and Kathy in Waynesboro, Pa. They each have three children, which gives Patsy six grandchildren, ages 4 to 16. Tom has three children, nine grandchildren, and three and a half great-grandchildren, and all but one live in South Carolina. Patsy and Tom are active at Sunrise Presbyterian Church, where she is an ordained elder. She is an avid scrapbooker and sometimes dabbles in jewelry-making, crocheting, and cross-stitching. Patsy stays in touch with **Betsy Chamberlain Hartz**, her Mary Washington roommate for three years, and **Cheryl Fishburne Krugh**, with whom she and Betsy roomed during sophomore year. Recently, through Betsy, Patsy started emailing with **Nancy Lee Leidy**. Other than one quick drive by the campus on the way up north to visit her daughters, she has not been back to Mary Washington since graduating in 1963. She would love to hear from other classmates, especially if any are living in or visiting the Charleston area.

Linda Gulnac Steelman has a new granddaughter, born in February, giving each of their sons a girl and a boy. Their most recent trip was to Egypt, where they experienced first-hand all the marvelous history we studied in grade school (including riding camels)! She said that if any classmates visit Nantucket, Mass., they should check out the must-see Whaling Museum. Linda just might be on duty. Linda wrote that **Leslie Levy Wachs** of Pinehurst, N.C., visits grandchildren in New Jersey and found Linda through conversation with a patient in the orthopedic office where she works. Linda said that **Harriet George Hutchinson** also contacted her because of our Class Notes column, so keep sending your information!

I had a long talk on the phone with **Leah Headly Samuelson**, who I haven't seen since we were co-editors of *The Bullet*, and we reminisced about working for the Fredericksburg *Free Lance-Star*. Leah's husband, Gordon, is retired from the railroad, and their son lives in Michigan. He and his wife have one son, Christopher, who is 3. Leah commented that she is a professional volunteer.

Beth Lisle Turner works as a family therapist and lives in Warrenton, Va., with husband John. **Virginia "Ginger" Logie Carr** wrote from Hilton Head, S.C., where she and her husband spent the month of March. She has six grandchildren, four girls not far from where they live in Maine, and a boy and a girl in Massachusetts. Ginger stays in touch with **Carol Van Ness Clapp**, who spends part of the year on Cape Cod, Mass., and the rest in Naples, Fla. Last April, Carol and **Pat Garrison Lindholm**, **Eileen Hildebrand Andrews**, and **Sue Hughes Ingham** met in New York City for a couple of days. They had not been together since our 20th or 25th Reunion.

Nancy Slonim Aronie's son, Daniel Jonas, died in January. He was 38 and had MS and diabetes. His family made a documentary film of him called *A Certain Kind of Beauty*, which made the Provincetown and Silverdocs international film festivals. The film shows Dan as an angry young man who somehow turned a corner, surrendered to his sweetness, and ultimately found his wisdom. "It's funny and moving, and I only began filming to put a camera between my terror and his rage," Nancy wrote.

> ***Nancy Slonim Aronie '63 has written a book,* Writing from the Heart: Tapping the Power of Your Inner Voice, *now in its seventh printing.***

"I teach that we are all alchemists; we can turn our garbage into gold. And, in making this film, I got to take my own advice." Nancy's son Josh, who is a great cook, has a restaurant called Menemsha Cafe in a little fishing village a mile from her in Chilmark, Mass. Everything is organic and almost everything is local. "I guess serving him tofu and calling it chicken inspired him," Nancy wrote. Her book *Writing from the Heart: Tapping the Power of Your Inner Voice* is in its seventh printing, and she still offers writing workshops on Martha's Vineyard. Her husband, Joel, left his job as a nuclear physicist and became an inventor, creating mostly tools for the restoration of old buildings. He also invented the Zero Blaster, a toy gun that shoots nontoxic smoke rings up to 14 feet in the air. The invention, which was featured on *Good Morning America*, teaches the physics principle of the toroidal vortex, and physics teachers all over the country have been buying them.

On a note of sadness, I will close with news from **Sallie Granger Daughtrey** that **Barbara "B" Prall Granger** died of lung cancer in November. B retired a couple years ago, after teaching kindergarten in Southern Pines, N.C., for 30 years. Unfortunately, B did not get to enjoy seeing her four young granddaughters grow up.

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What a winter we had on the East Coast, with one snowstorm after another. Of course, these notes will reach you in summer, when the air conditioning will be on full blast.

I am honored to have been elected to the vestry of my church in Bedford, N.Y., where I am a eucharistic minister and lay reader. I served as a representative to the Diocesan Convention at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City in November. I still work part time in a girls' school in Greenwich, Conn., and give seminars on literature and art appreciation at Manhattanville College. A native New Yorker, I've lived in Westchester County, N.Y., since the early 1970s, and now live in the beautiful Northern Westchester countryside, where we are knee-deep in snow as I write this.

Ann McCallum Murray retired last June from her second career in law. Last fall, she and Ed moved to a geothermally-heated house on Snake River, near Buhl, Idaho. They have five acres, with a trout stream on one side and a fantastic view of the river to the west. They are on the route to Twin Falls, Yellowstone, and Jackson Hole, Wyo., and within a couple hours of the skiers' paradise, Sun Valley. Ann is a member of the Idaho Metal Arts Guild and uses the studio in their new home. She and Ed were reconnecting with Rotary, a most wonderful organization of which my late husband was a proud member for nearly 30 years! Ann says that Idaho is beautiful (they lived in California for 40 years) and that she and Ed would love to share it with any of us who come her way.

I received a nice, short email from **Carolyn Ginsberg** from the University of Connecticut. She is well and promises to touch base soon.

Sally Crenshaw Witt, my roommate from freshman year, and I have enjoyed a marvelous correspondence that has covered an array of topics, including snowstorms, classmates, world politics, the arts, gardens, travel, life in general, and even memories of buying jars of baby food to eat for breakfast so we could avoid making the trek to the dining hall. Sally's big news is that son Clay married Kelly Howard in Charlottesville, Va., last June. It was "a happy, happy day!" wrote Sally. Sally was working hard on Historic Garden Week in Virginia as one of the chairs of the 2010 Richmond Tours, which features the house she grew up in.

Sally is in contact with **Joanne Crockett Lewis**, **Helen Vakos Standing**, **Diane Dorin Clark**, **Barbara Humphries Davenport**, and **Sue Parker Burton**, who all are well and busy. **Sara Scheibe Wilkes** visited Richmond and, according to all reports, hasn't changed a bit in more than 40 years! I also keep in touch with **Sharon Haythorne Stack**, whose emails are always wonderful to receive. I feel blessed to have such marvelous correspondents as Sally and Sharon!

This submission is short but sweet. I urge you to send any news

you have, for the most rewarding thing about reading emails and notes from classmates is the goodwill and affection expressed in each one. It is marvelous to discover that our paths in life can merge again after so many years! Have a wonderful, peaceful, and happy summer.

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It is a cold March morning as I write these notes, knowing by the time you read them, it will be summer and we will have celebrated our 45th Class Reunion! I continue to play tennis and travel extensively. Since this is my son's last year as a member of the Blue Angels (he is now a lead solo), I am flying all over the country to see him perform his daring maneuvers before he returns to a regular squadron in the fall and is deployed to the Persian Gulf. Frequent trips to San Jose, Calif., will be on my radar beginning this fall, when my daughter's first child is due. So, it looks like I will allow the airlines to thrive. Please keep your notes coming so that I can share them, unedited, with the others on my mailing list. If you want to be added to the list, please email me.

Barbara Hagemann Hester taught elementary school after graduation. She married Ben Hester in 1970 and they have four children. Barbara was a stay-at-home mom while her children were growing up but has worked as a sales associate at the Flower Gallery of Manassas in Virginia for many years and loves setting up weddings. Barbara and Ben vacation in Nags Head, N.C., with their whole family as often as possible. Daughter Susie, her family, and four children live near them in the Manassas area; daughter Bonnie, her husband, and two children live near Greenville, S.C.; daughter Carrie lives in Tampa, Fla.; and son Brad lives in Denver.

Christine Moonan Wichard and her husband celebrated their 41st anniversary last year. They lived in New York for many years, moving to La Jolla, Calif., in 1991. They have one daughter, Adrienne, who lives with her husband and two sons in Arlington, Va. Christine and her Mary Washington roommate, **Marilyn Hewitt Anderson**, have remained close throughout the years, talking every week, visiting each other, and taking family vacations and traveling together. Their daughters, who all live in Northern Virginia, are best friends, and their husbands are good friends, as well. Marilyn married Russ Anderson 40 years ago. They met in Washington, D.C., where Russ, an attorney, worked for the government until he retired a few years ago. They have two daughters, a son, and one delightful granddaughter, 2-year-old Evie. Christine was a mathematician with Grumman Aircraft and worked briefly for UNIVAC in Georgetown. Later, she worked as a computer systems analyst and, eventually, as a systems engineer for Sperry Corp. in New York. She was a stay-at-home mom for 18 years, until her husband left his textile manufacturing business to start a restaurant chain. She headed up their computer department, retiring in 1997. Now, she volunteers for Meals on Wheels, plays tennis, and finally is learning how to play bridge.

Sandra "Sandy" Lee Byrum Smith attended Mary Washington for two years and earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from UVA in 1965. She roomed with **Margaret "Peggy" Chapman Perry** for most of those two years. Sandy met her husband when he was a fourth-year medical student at U.Va., and she married him during his internship vacation time in 1965. They moved to Chapel Hill, N.C.,

Nan Grogan Orrock

Alumna's Journey: From Campus Activist to State Senator

When **Nan Grogan Orrock '65** entered Mary Washington, she considered herself informed. However, the segregated schools in Staunton, Va., and growing up in a time of rampant discrimination had not equipped her for "real life."

But one hot August day in 1963, Orrock's upbringing and real life collided. She joined hundreds of thousands of people from all stations of life in the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. That day changed the course of the civil rights movement, and it changed Nan Orrock's life.

"I met people who had been beaten for trying to register to vote. It really struck me that I had the luxury of not knowing about it because of my skin color," she said. "That was a bedrock experience for me. It opened my eyes and my mind to constantly work to broaden my understanding and to see things through other people's eyes."

Today, Sen. Orrock represents center-city Atlanta in the Georgia State Senate. Her four-year tenure comes on the heels of 10 terms in the Georgia State House of Representatives, where she championed issues related to health policy, women, child and family policy, civil rights, and the environment.

"I was a student when I took that first step," Orrock said. "Mary Washington, to say the least, was a formative experience."

After graduating with a major in English, she worked for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, where she led a community civil rights project in Virginia's predominantly black counties, helped launch an alternative newspaper, joined women's empowerment efforts in Atlanta, and was arrested several times for demonstrating.

Eventually Orrock married, had two children, and pursued a career with Nabisco in Atlanta. Always remembering her experience in Washington, she served as leader of a union for Nabisco employees.

In 1986, she fought to save a historic block in her Atlanta neighborhood from the building of an industrial facility. Though she couldn't see herself as an elected official, that struggle and sound advice prompted Orrock to run for the Georgia State House of Representatives. "A friend told me something important. He said if I didn't run, I couldn't count on someone else to advocate for my ideas," she said.

Now she advocates for herself and many, many others.

Since 1997, she has served as president of the Women Legislators' Lobby, a national network of women state legislators. She is the chair of the Center for Policy Alternatives and serves as a trustee of the Sapelo Foundation, which promotes progressive social change in Georgia.

"What I am most proud of is that I know positive things have happened because I stood up," Orrock said. "That understanding is very rewarding. We can all do so much more than we think we can."

– Janet Showalter

for his four-year residency, and she worked as a general duty nurse on a medical unit. Peggy started graduate school in nursing in 1967. For his two years as an Army major doing pathology, the couple moved to Fort Campbell, Ky., where their daughter was born in 1970. They lived for a short time in Kingsport, Tenn., and then moved to Mount Airy, N.C., where they have been ever since. Their son was born in 1974, and Peggy was a stay-at-home mom and active volunteer. She became a childbirth educator, Girl Scout leader, and Sunday school teacher, and is a lifetime member of Girl Scouts of the USA. She mentored teenagers for 25 years and keeps up with many of the young women as their friend on Facebook. Her husband retired in 2007, after 34 years as the only pathologist in the local hospital. They have traveled frequently since 2001, visiting Peru, New Zealand, Europe, Canada, and China, and all parts of the Western half of the United States. They plan to see the Matterhorn and the Oberammergau Passion Play in Germany. They have four grandchildren (ages 19, 13, 5, and 3), who all live two hours away in two different directions.

Kathie Drake Burgess earned a master's degree in special education and taught a wide range of ages and classes for about eight years, then went to law school. She practiced law in Alexandria, Va., for 22 years, with a focus on family law and representation of abused and neglected children, before closing her practice last year. She has been married 37 years and has one daughter, a U.Va. grad who is married and also lives in Alexandria with her family. They have two grandsons, ages 9 and 11, and enjoy attending anything in which they participate. Husband Jay has worked in international trade policy for the federal government for decades and shows no signs of retiring. Kathie takes Spanish and tap dancing lessons.

Louise Stevens Robbins wrote that her beloved Robby died at home in December after battling for more than four months to overcome a traumatic brain injury suffered in a fall during a trip to China.

Felicity Anne Hallanan spent time in Frankfurt/Main, Germany, as a photojournalist reporting on the U.S. military, several years as director and administrator of two Girl Scout camps in the Adirondacks in New York, and a long stretch as radio news reporter and anchor in Watertown, N.Y. More recently, she had mini-careers, giving public presentations about prominent North Country women; leading an adult writer's group for a decade; substitute teaching, which created great respect for classmates who made a career in that field; researching and writing the history of a local foundation and of area families; and editing a 20-page newsletter for veterans of the 10th Mountain Division. She is blessed with five siblings and their children and grandchildren, all of whom lead diverse and productive lives across the country. She shares a home just off Lake Ontario with a dear friend, two cats, and a Sheltie. Her remaining parent just turned 92 and, like so many others, Felicity is learning the responsibilities that come with belonging to the oldest generation. Life is busy with Episcopal Church activities and the annual concerts of the Northern Choral Society.

Janet Hess Hodes Bello ran a hyperbaric medicine unit at a wound center in Rhode Island until March, when she retired and began working as a consultant in that field. She is on the boards of the Northeastern regional chapter of the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society and of the Baromedical Nurses Association, for which she edits the newsletter. Since she retired, she and Joe have started a new life, aboard a trawler-style boat that lets them travel for adventure and with the seasons. They love New England and planned to summer there. They frequently see Joe's daughter and her two daughters, who also live there. Joe also has a granddaughter, who lives in the Atlanta area and spends summers and vacations with them.

Betty "Elizabeth" Ann Bodson Lewis and husband John retired from Vienna, Va., to Southport, N.C., to enjoy the beach at Oak Island and a warmer climate. They have two children and three grandchildren. Betty volunteers, plays bridge, and enjoys book clubs. She is learning golf, and she gardens, swims, and tries to keep her joints moving! **Beverly Boudreau Kleiber Raphael** was anticipating an unusual trip back in time during our 45th Reunion. After two marriages and many moves, she returned to the Washington, D.C., area, where she spent many hours as an art history student, studying collections at the National Gallery of Art, the Corcoran, and The Phillips Collection. She has spent most of her postgraduate years in music, though, not art history. She met her current husband, Ronald Philip Raphael, in the '90s. They both have studied piano for many years. Ron works for the U.S. Agency for International Development. Beverly worked in Washington, D.C., doing programming, scouting talent, and arranging performances for chamber music venues. For the past four years, she directed an annual piano competition for high school students held at Georgetown University through the American Beethoven Society. She has two wonderful children, Ben and Lesley. Ben practices cardiology in Madison, Wis., after many grueling years at Boston University, the University of Michigan, Georgetown University, and Washington Hospital Center in D.C. He also teaches university medical students, and he shares it all with his wonderful wife and two darling daughters. Lesley lives in Phoenix, pursuing her work as a graphic designer and nurturing her daughter.

> *Pam Kearney Patrick '66 accepted an invitation to join the Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, D.C.*

Ann Moser Garner expected to welcome her third grandchild in March. A survivor of bladder cancer, Ann fought the disease for four years before her bladder was removed in September. She is a medical miracle in that doctors made a new bladder, called a neo-bladder, from a piece of her small intestine. If any classmates have been diagnosed with bladder cancer, she is willing to talk and answer questions.

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Hank and I entered a "senior phase" of grandparenthood, since our two eldest grandsons turned 21. We look forward to college graduations from now on! Hank still works part time, I volunteer a lot and play my cornet at church, and we joined a bowling league for the first time in our lives. Some of our senior-league teammates are WWII veterans and one lady is 91. They all are inspirational to us "youngsters." Our main event this winter was the blizzard of 2010, which dumped nearly 4 feet of snow on us, providing opportunities for photography, digging, shoveling, snow blowing, chipping ice, and using our new generator when the power went out. Life is never dull!

Barbara Bishop Mann is pleased to announce that husband Robert retired. The Commonwealth of Virginia decided the budget would balance better if he chose to retire by Dec. 1. Barbara and Robert took a trip to South Africa and toasted the new year with champagne "in the bush" at a game reserve. They took hundreds of pictures of the animals and scenery, plus some of themselves atop Table Mountain in Cape Town. Barbara visits her aging mother in her Houston assisted living facility, walks in the mall for exercise, stays active with Virginia Education Association issues and UMW alumni activities, and organizes our Mary Washington Lunch Bunch meetings. Robert has adjusted to retirement life, recovering the slim physique he had when they married.

Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner and husband Charlie escaped some of the miserable Washington, D.C., winter weather by taking a golf holiday in Florida. Mary Kathryn returned in time to serve luncheons in Colonial costume as one of Nelly's Needlers, the ladies' auxiliary group at historic Woodlawn in Alexandria, Va. Our Mary Washington Lunch Bunch gathered there in March to see Mary Kathryn, view the annual needlework exhibit, and enjoy homemade fare in the lunchroom. Our group included **Kathy Goddard Moss**, **Ann Kales Lindblom**, **Lois Rucker Scott**, **Eileen Goddard Albrigo**, **and Pam Kearney Patrick** from Alexandria; **Barbara Bishop Mann**, **Pat Lewars Pace**, and **Clair Golihew Cosby** from the Richmond area; and **Sandy Hutchison Hoyback**, **Katharine Rogers Lavery**, and **Clara Middleton Leigh '63** from western Fairfax County, Va. **Terry Caruthers**, legally no longer Bertha, came from Loudoun County, Va. Terry and her husband plan to relocate to their retirement home on Lake Norman in North Carolina as soon as they sell their present home. Pam Patrick brought her roomie, **Peggy Beeler Burns**, who was visiting her son's family, particularly her adorable 16-month-old granddaughter. Peggy

lives in the Tampa Bay, Fla., area, where she plays golf, gardens, and frequently travels north to see her family and catch up with Pam, who is still an avid watercolor artist and accepted an invitation to join the Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, D.C. **Clair Golihew Cosby** discovered a passion for watercolors after taking classes during the past year.

Martha Roberts '62, our adopted classmate, missed the March Mary Washington Lunch Bunch gathering because she and husband Russ were wintering in Key Largo, Fla. Martha has participated in several of our class activities since our last reunion and said she is "honored to belong to the Class of '66."

Ginny Bateman Brinkley crossed another item off her "bucket list" by taking her family to Hawaii. She and Bill started planning the trip in July, and 11 family members flew to Maui on Christmas Eve. They spent a week on Maui and three days on Oahu, having the vacation of a lifetime. They were shocked upon returning to Florida to find 20-degree weather, especially since the granddaughters were traveling in T-shirts and sandals! Ginny posted photos on Facebook.

Linda Spangler "Spang" Berkheimer and husband Phil took a South American cruise in mid-January, from Santiago, around Cape Horn in Chile, to Buenos Aires, Argentina. Spang commented that "it was really creepy watching all the news of the earthquake in Santiago" a mere month after their trip. Late in February, Linda and Phil met for lunch with Charlie and **Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner**. **Carolyn Perry Grow** and husband have indefinitely postponed their annual trips with family and friends to Chautauqua, N.Y., due to Dave's rehabilitation following last year's stroke. Although it was a small stroke, it has affected his balance and ability to use his right side, and Carolyn and Dave have made his recovery a priority, limiting travel to small trips.

Joan Cuccias Patton continues to teach calculus part time at Westfield High School in western Fairfax County, Va. Last summer, she spent a week in the Outer Banks of North Carolina with 16 family members, five of them children; flew to Oklahoma City for a nephew's wedding; and visited her siblings and their families in Newport Beach, Calif., where she acquired a record tan. In August, her son and family moved in with her for three months while their new house was being built, a win-win situation all around. Rather than spend Christmas vacation alone, Joan went to her daughter's house in North Carolina, then rang in the new year with old friends. Her eldest daughter announced her engagement, and Joan was already excitedly anticipating the planning and festivities surrounding the wedding.

Betsy Chappelear Tryon invited **Susan Roth Nurin** and me to join her in Redondo Beach, Calif., in late February while **Yvonne March** was to visit. The four of us would have had a grand time but, unfortunately, Susana was in Puerto Rico at the time and I was on call for three small granddaughters. Betsy and Yvonne hadn't seen each other since our 2001 Class Reunion. They traveled around the area, walked on the pier, shared old stories, looked at photos from our year in the Spanish House, and laughed and laughed, just like old times! Next time Yvonne travels west, she plans to take Betsy along on a train tour to Seattle and beyond.

Sally Reichner Mayor '71 is fluent in several languages and works with students from more than 100 nations.

Robbie James East relayed the sad news that her roommate, **Kay Smith Maleski**, lost her mother to cancer in October. Robbie spent many wonderful weekends with the Smiths in their Newport News, Va., home during our college years. Kay retired after more than 20 years in real estate. Robbie engineered a flight for her two Florida grandchildren to come to Virginia before the first big winter storm, so they could experience the snow. Emma, 8, and Ethan, 10, flew unaccompanied during their winter vacation and were thrilled to build snow forts, make snow angels, mold snowballs, take long walks around the farm, and thoroughly absorb their first experience with snow. The rest of the family drove to the farm and had a Christmas vacation they'll never forget.

Nancy Shackelford Jones concluded her term as regent of the New York City Chapter of the DAR and is now their state historian. She also signed on as president general of the Colonial Dames of America. Nancy welcomed a beautiful grandbaby, Hannah Reilly Moss, in early October.

Marty Spigel Sedoff retired in February from her Ameriprise Financial business and planned to celebrate with an October cruise around the Greek Islands. She does water aerobics, takes tap dancing lessons, and is in a book club and a speaker series. Husband Bob bought her a clarinet so she can take music lessons in her spare time! Marty decided to break her FreeCell solitaire habit after completing more than 25,000 games. Bob continues to serve as set designer for the Edina High School theater group and to organize the annual Minnesota International Thespian Society Festival. Bob and Marty chaperone high school theater trips to New York, Lincoln, Neb., and other cities. Son John is an actor in Minneapolis and was featured in the February issue of *Mpls.St. Paul Magazine* as one of the Twin Cities' most interesting singles. Son Jim graduated from college in May and began a technical services career with Epic in Madison, Wis., just four and a half hours away.

Kathleen Goddard Moss set up a "MWC 1966" Facebook page and invites everyone to view and contribute to it. She and husband Tom installed webcams and Skype in order to keep in close touch with family in Spain, Ohio, and California. It was especially helpful in December, when their newest grandson was born in California. Kathy "un-retired," returning to part-time family attachment therapy and therapist supervision, and Tom increased his work with elderly patients. They still managed a trip to Spain, a respite in Hilton Head, S.C., and Tom's annual family fishing trip on Lake Erie. They planned a spring trip to Los Angeles to visit baby Tommy.

Eileen Goddard Albrigo completely retired after 22 years of doing husband John's medical transcriptions and was enjoying her newfound freedom. John shows no signs of slowing down on his orthopedic surgery schedule, except for recreational breaks to chop wood, drive his tractor, and play with the grandchildren. Eileen and Kathleen celebrated their father's 90th birthday, and they enjoy having their parents living only half an hour away. Eileen's daughter, Liz, moved to Denver in August to attend the College of Culinary Arts at Johnson & Wales University and is engaged to be married in October. Son Kevin is senior vice president of Virginia Commerce Bank, and wife Molly has assumed Eileen's medical transcription responsibilities. Son Todd and wife Carrie were expecting their fifth child in April, giving Eileen and Tom their sixth grandchild. This year, they anticipated trips to Syracuse, N.Y., to visit his parents; a vacation in Hilton Head, S.C.; a wedding trip to Colorado; and many delightful hours with the grandchildren.

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Dixie Kopfler Susalla and husband Paul continue to live in the Phoenix area, where Dixie says they have the best doctors in the world, as evidenced by Paul's miraculous survival after a fist-sized brain aneurysm three years ago and further brain surgery last fall. They spend summers in Oregon to get away from the heat and to be with Dixie's family, and winters in Arizona for the warmth and to be with Paul's family. Dixie is still in touch with suitemates **Janet Gutmann Schreiber** and **Viv Crater Gray**, and they're both doing well.

Beth Howe wrote that her mother, **Louise Ewing Dolan**, passed away in February. Our condolences go to the Dolan family.

Deborah Erskine Lankford retired after 40 years of teaching high school English and began a new career: teaching *dogs*! She and her business partner, Scott, recently established *Playful Pups & Performance Training*, specializing in training dogs for things like rally and agility, and in therapy dog certification. After enduring a broken hip and massive complications last year, Deborah is enjoying launching her business and returning to other passions, including AKC agility competitions; therapy dog visitations with her trick dog, Bonnie; wildlife rehabilitation; and volunteering and lobbying for the local animal shelter. Best of all, Paul, her husband of 30 years, retired and is delighting in finally having time to write and work in the yard. With their son, Alan, at William & Mary, they enjoy being empty nesters with lots to do and lots of time to do it in!

Patricia Jones Kroll-Mazzocco and husband Felix planned to travel to Beijing this spring, touring and seeing the Great Wall of China, then boarding an Oceania cruise ship for a 15-day trip to Seoul in South Korea; Hiroshima, Okinawa, Kobe, and Kyoto in Japan; Taipei in Taiwan; and Shanghai and Hong Kong in China. They were looking forward to seeing that part of the world for the first time. Upon return, they were to harvest their avocados in time for Cinco de Mayo. They continue to enjoy their grandchildren and children.

Eleanor Frith Peters and husband Mike of Santa Fe, N.M., enjoy the Southwest, where they have lived for more than five years. Before that, they spent 27 years traveling the world with the Army and nine years in New York City, where Mike was at the Council on Foreign Relations. He is president of St. John's College in Santa Fe, which employs a "great books" curriculum and is a sister school to St. John's College in Annapolis, Md. After a brief stint teaching elementary school, Eleanor was a stay-at-home mom and a volunteer in many arenas. Years ago, when Mike was in graduate school, she took up pottery, which she really enjoys in Santa Fe. They have two children. Becca, their youngest lives in Greenville, S.C., where husband Patrick is a dentist; they have three beautiful children: Jack, 10; Michael, 8; and Hannah Wylie, 6. Son Mike Jr. is a lieutenant colonel in the Army, stationed at Fort Jackson, S.C. Last year, he married U.S. Foreign Service Officer Christy Agor, who is posted in Jerusalem. They're working on coordinating their careers so they can actually live together! They met when they were both posted in Washington, D.C., and spent a subsequent year together in Jerusalem. Last year, Eleanor and Mike traveled to Israel for 10 days and Becca was able to join them. Christy and Mike Jr. were wonderful hosts and either took or sent them from one end of the country to the other, with plenty of time to explore Jerusalem.

Nancy McDonald Legat and husband Dan, married 43 years, continue to enjoy retirement, with their three daughters, three sons-in-law, and seven grandchildren bringing much joy to their lives.

1968

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Ash and I spent the holidays in Australia with our son, very pregnant daughter-in-law, and their 2½ year old, Maya. Maya's brother, Flynn, was born in January, so I'm plotting a return trip and can't wait to get my hands on that grandbaby!

> *Kathy Schroeher Clare '71 has retired after 23 years as chief compliance officer for Johnson & Johnson, where she headed the regulatory practice group and the European law department.*

Susan Morris shared an interesting "small world" story. She and her husband were visiting her mother in Charlottesville, Va., before Thanksgiving, and went to Albermarle CiderWorks. Turns out, it's run by **Charlotte Shelton** and her brother on their family farm. Susan said it was fun to visit with a classmate, and the cider was so fabulous that they bought a case. You just never know where a classmate might turn up!

Eileen Curley Baker and Frank settled into their new digs in New Haven, Conn. Daughter Samantha was married in Narragansett, R.I., in October. She is a theater costumer, so she designed and made her own wedding gown. They had a bagpiper and, since the weather turned into a true nor'easter, Eileen said the wedding had a very Celtic feel! She and Frank had just returned from six weeks in Florida on Sanibel and Captiva islands, where they were "forced" to spend a couple of extra days when the auto train was cancelled due to snow.

Liz Golladay of Delaware leads a four-book medieval murder mystery series at her local library. She was preparing for a second workshop, "Elder Tales," during which participants work on the stories of their parents, grandparents, and siblings, putting personalities, rather than just names, on the family tree. **Jean Eley Thompson** took a church trip to the Big Apple and was especially excited to have experienced the Rockettes' Christmas Spectacular show. She and Jim also took a cruise and several camping trips last year. Jean continues to facilitate a support group for caregivers and is active in her church. She was looking forward to son Jamie's June wedding. She and Jim became parents to Cosmo, a rescue Lhasa-poo.

Janice Bryant Lotterhos works part time scoring standardized tests and appraising jewelry. Husband Lieb retired last summer but still consults for his former employer. Daughter Beth volunteers with a dog rescue organization and works part time, after being laid off from her hospital job. Daughter Erika lives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., but travels frequently with her job. Luckily, her travels have brought her to the Bay Area a couple of times, and Ash and I (who hadn't seen her since she was a little girl) enjoyed spending time with her and getting to know her as a fabulous grown-up woman!

Now that I am on Facebook, "friend" me and share your news. It's a great way to keep up with old friends and will give me some Class Notes to share!

1969

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I am writing these Class Notes after a very cold winter just about everywhere in the country. It will be summer by the time you read this and, hopefully, everyone will have thawed out.

Jeanine Zavrel Fearns made it through the winter in Fairfax, Va., but ice damaged her home during one of the storms. She was looking forward to visiting **Carolyn "Suzy" Bender Winterble** at her home on the Chesapeake Bay in Yorktown, Va. Jeanine's son, Sean, is director of the Drug Enforcement Administration Museum in Arlington, Va. Daughter Erin works in physical therapy and is an award-winning orchid grower.

Iris Harrell plays golf once a week to relax from her active business life and is lucky to live in a place where she can do that year round. Iris recently had breakfast with **Suzanne McCarthy VanNess**, whose daughter had just gotten married. **CeCe Smith Riffer** was blessed with twin granddaughters. She and her husband raised three sons and have five granddaughters. Coincidentally, two of CeCe's sons are twins. **Donna Cannon Julian** spent the winter in Naples, Fla. Donna's daughter and son-in-law, and their new baby, had been visiting when Donna wrote. She said it was cold even in Florida this winter.

Patti Boise Kemp got together with **Linda Gattis Shull** and **Barbara Burton Micou** in Fredericksburg in February. **Gloria Shelton Gibson** had lunch with Linda in early January. Gloria and Linda live less than 15 minutes apart in Charlotte, N.C., and promised to get together more often after seeing each other at our class reunion last May, but this was the first time they managed to work it out.

Jean Polk Hanky attended two Great Lives lectures at Dodd Auditorium: Alan Pell Crawford's lecture on his book *Twilight at Monticello: The Final Years of Thomas Jefferson* and UMW Professor Carter Hudgins' lecture on the English pirate Blackbeard. Jean said both were excellent and well attended. Jean's high school in Fairfax County is to host a 45th reunion in October. **Karen Kilgore Ralston**, **Kathleen Rowan Brown**, and **Jean LeMasurier** also were members of Jean's high school class and she hopes they will all be at the reunion.

Jane Jackson Woerner's mother spent the winter with her, as she has done for a number of years. She fell and was badly bruised but, thankfully, did not break anything and recovered nicely. Jane took her back to Bristol, Tenn., in mid-March and was glad she hadn't had to endure the bad weather there this past winter.

Lyn Howell Gray switched from working for the YMCA in Monrovia, Liberia, to working with the Education Development Center based in Newton, Mass., on a USAID-funded contract for a new project called Core Education Skills for Liberian Youth. The project stresses informal, jobs-based education combined with an attempt to provide basic literary and numerical skills. During Liberia's 14 years of war and civil chaos, too many people were unable to go to school, but they still need the skills to support themselves and their families, and to contribute to the development of the nation. Lyn and husband Jim are to be commended for their continuing work in Liberia.

Karen Kilgore Ralston received the Volunteer of the Year award from Playhouse on the Square in Memphis, Tenn., a professional theater that just built a new state-of-the-art facility. Karen has

volunteered in the costume shop for most of the 11 years she and husband Jim have been in Memphis. She started with accessories, designed and built costumes for many of their productions, and did much of the millinery work. Headdresses she built for the theater's productions include one that featured a giant pretzel and sausage for *The Producers*, Egyptian headpieces for *Aida*, and hundreds of historically correct bonnets, hats, and crowns. The theater has won many local awards for costumes. Karen also is curator of the vintage clothing collection, as well as assistant treasurer on the board, of the Woodruff-Fontaine House Museum. The Victorian museum in Memphis claims a collection of more than 700 pieces of donated clothing, dating from the 1870s to 1927, when the mansion was home to two families.

As you know, **Pidge Williams Walden** and **Betty Ferguson Foster** passed away last year. Scholarships have been set up in both of their names as lasting tributes to two outstanding members of our class. If you are interested in donating, there is more information on the UMW website.

I hope everyone is having a good summer. Please drop me a line with any news from our class.

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My biggest news is that I was diagnosed with severe spinal stenosis and underwent neck surgery last December. My neck has healed nicely and I'm back to exercising and swimming. I continue to serve as secretary for our local AARP chapter and volunteer with the Hearts of Hospitality group in Boone to raise money for the local homeless shelter. Ted's oldest son, Greg, his wife, Denise, and our grandson, TJ, 6, visited last February and enjoyed tubing at Hawksnest Resort.

Helen Kim teaches and does research in the pharmacology and toxicology department of the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, but retirement is on the horizon. Her husband, Stephen Barnes, works in the same department there. Helen was asked to edit a book involving the molecular basis of the health benefits of botanical dietary supplements, which pertains to the research she's done for 15 years. Daughter Shannon, 24, received an industrial engineering degree from Northwestern University in 2007 and works for Accenture. Daughter Sabrina, 30, finished her third year of teaching high school French and English in Fox Lake, Ill. Helen planned to attend our 40th Reunion in June and to visit relatives in Charlottesville, Va.

Last year, **Gretchen Gregory Davis** and husband Gene split their time between Colorado and Missouri, where they live. Gene, a doctor, still practices part time, but they plan to move to Summit County, Colo., when he retires. Gretchen takes lots of Pilates classes. They both enjoy working with their 2-year-old Lab in agility and obedience. Son Greg recently completed five years as a defense industry software engineer.

For **Barbara Forgione Tansey** and husband Bruce, the most memorable experience of 2009 was a two-week Russian river cruise, starting in Moscow on the Volga River and ending in St. Petersburg. They also visited Disney World and planned to take a cruise through the Panama Canal. Barbara still tutors at the high school and is active in the women's club. Bruce continues to golf and volunteered again at the Nationwide Tour Knoxville Open. They spent Christmas in Virginia with daughter Lisa and her husband, Eric. Lisa is in public relations at the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce.

Becky Findlay Farley planned to meet with some of her Ball Hall dorm mates on the coast of North Carolina in May, since several of them couldn't make it to our 40th Reunion in Fredericksburg. **Judy Winston**, **Marilyn Bracy**, **Virginia Baker Henning**, **Kathy Bruce Burke**, and **Anne Hevener Vieira** were to meet her there. **Patricia Foppert Ustick** and **Lindsay Davies Hamway** were unable to join them, but Becky planned to spend time with Lindsay after the beach gathering, before returning home to Colorado. Becky is proud of her new grandson!

Please send your news. We'd love to know what you all are up to!

1971

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Wow! I have heard from quite a few of you since UMW sent out the postcard. I even heard from some of you who haven't written before.

Kathy Lewis Newbold moved from Virginia to the hills of Flat Rock, N.C., not far from Asheville. Kathy said it has one of the best bakeries in the world and Hubba Hubba Smokehouse barbecue. "What more could you ask for?" Greg still travels, son Cameron is an accountant with the U.S. Army Audit Agency in Virginia, and daughter Kerry works for Verizon. Kerry and Kathy made a mid-winter trek to a wedding in Europe and came back to the worst blizzard of the year. Imagine shoveling snow from a 185-foot driveway. Kathy invites you all to visit – and maybe shovel snow in the winter!

Jennie Daffron Brown '74 was awarded* Richmond Magazine's *Theresa Pollak Prize for Excellence in the Arts Lifetime Achievement for her work as executive director of School of the Performing Arts in the Richmond Community.

Kathy Schroeher Clare retired last year after 23 years with the law department of Johnson & Johnson; she was chief compliance officer and headed the regulatory practice group and the European law department. After thinking she loved working, Kathy said she really loves *not* working. She hired a trainer and has been exercising and painting. She and her husband bought property and turned it into an organic vegetable farm. How lucky we all are to have been born in a developed country that affords opportunities, even as we get older, to continue doing important work and enjoying where we live. Kathy's son in Montana planned to enter a graduate program in wildlife conservation and their daughter in San Francisco was considering graduate school for design.

Betty Barnhardt Hume of Fredericksburg works in the youth services department at the Porter Branch of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library. Daughter Janet is in Fredericksburg, and Robin is in Wilmington, N.C. I guess **Randy Hume '75** has gotten his golf game back after the winter of 2010! Betty reminded me that the Park & Shop shopping center we all loved for Rose's department store and the bank is no more, and the UMW Eagle Village, with a pedestrian overpass, is nearing completion. Betty found **Betty Whichard Robinson** and **Susan Liebenow** on Facebook.

Bryn Irving Roth and husband Dick of Fredericksburg enjoy retirement, have taken cruises in New England and Canada, and have traveled around the country visiting friends and relatives. They planned a mission trip to Honduras and a cruise in the Western Mediterranean. Bryn volunteers at Mary Washington Hospital and is active with the Episcopal Church Women and a prayer quilt ministry. She has two sons, one daughter, three grandsons, one granddaughter, and one great-grandson.

Mary Weaver Mann is the proud grandmother of five. Daughter Emily lives in Washington with three children and husband Steve, who works at Microsoft. Son Geoff, a helicopter instructor supervisor, lives with his wife, Becky, who works for KPMG, and daughter in Richmond. Younger son, Zephyr, lives in Williamsburg. Mary and husband Jim recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. She and **Betty Hume** worked together at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library headquarters in Fredericksburg until Betty moved to another branch. **Betsy Ellis '70** also works there, and they all enjoyed helping young readers through youth services. Mary is also a lector at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church near UMW.

Elaine "Cookie" Brennan Wright teaches sustainable development for the University of Pennsylvania in locations such as Venice, Italy; Budapest, Hungary; Istanbul, Turkey; Montenegro; and, soon, St. Petersburg, Russia. She enjoys cruising the Chesapeake Bay. Both daughters graduated from college on the same day but at two different schools in two different states, so chaos is still part of Cookie's life. Both are now established, one in Charlottesville, Va., and one in Denver. Cookie looks forward to the day I call her Elaine, but old habits die hard!

Vital Voices hired **Mary T. Bradley MacPherson** as a consultant. She works with businesswomen's organizations in North Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America. When she was on her way to Africa, with a stopover in Brussels, Belgium, we planned to connect for a few hours and catch up, but the airlines had different plans. I caught Mary between Uganda and Tunisia. Hopefully, we'll make a connection on one of her trips.

Tish Stoner Sawyer and husband Tom visit daughter Erin in Colorado and son Ben in San Francisco. They love to travel and escaped the winter rain in Spokane, Wash., to visit **Sally Reichner Mayor**, who inherited a second home in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. **Patty Killefer Duerken** and husband Pat of Richmond, both retired, also braved the snow to visit Sally. Sally, a grandmother, has two daughters and normally can be found in the Swiss Alps. Daughter Patricia works for the International Skating Union with ice skating events worldwide, and daughter Adrienne works for Swiss luxury watch manufacturer Vacheron Constantin. Sally works with the University of Cambridge ESOL examinations and in marketing and public relations for the Les Roches International School of Hotel Management in Switzerland. She is fluent in several languages, works with students from more than 100 nations, and said retirement is not in sight. Sally managed to get back to Spotsylvania, Va., and visit **Robert Johnson '72** and wife Pat.

Natalee Spiro Franzyshen spent many years, but not her entire career, with the FBI as their first financial manager in the Richmond office. She retired and works in banking. Her husband was diagnosed with lymphoma more than a year ago but is now cancer-free! Her father and nieces also were suffering from lymphoma. Natalee and **Elizabeth "Marybeth" Edwards** were hall mates in Ball, as were several others in our class.

Corinne Davis, **Pam Temple Roach**, and **Beth Fleming Skidmore** see each other on occasion. Since the late '70s, Pam and Beth have been in a group that attends dinner theater. Corinne retired from Philip Morris/Altria Group and works to rescue and foster animals, help the elderly, and do volunteer cooking and baking. Beth teaches second-grade girls in a private school, and her sister, **Kathy Fleming Barton**, teaches half-day kindergarten. Both hope to retire soon.

Gail Schultz MacLeod retired in Lexington, Va., seven years ago. Her photography has improved in that time and she is a member of Artists in Cahoots, a cooperative gallery in downtown Lexington. Look for her cards and photos there. She sees **Chris Goeller Hamill**, **Chris Sullivan Jones**, and **Nancy Richardson Kenyon**.

Kathy "Kathleen" Dawson Caldwell is the managing attorney of the Legal Aid Justice Center's Charlottesville office and handles elder law. She also co-teaches an elder law clinic at the law school at U.Va. Many of you may remember that Kathy's late husband, Hamlin Caldwell, was a popular adjunct history professor at Mary Washington. A history scholarship was established in his memory. Kathy planned to visit Glacier National Park in Montana and has traveled to other national parks. She also visits her grandchildren in Madison, Wis.

> ***Pat Seyller '77 was readying the costumes for Virginia Opera's* A Little Night Music *with fashion designer Isaac Mizrahi.***

After several years, I finally reconnected with **Julia Anne "Julie" McClelland Seder**. She retired after 30 years with the U.S. Department of Defense, and she and Jim purchased land in Costa Rica to build a winter home. In the meantime, they moved to a home on the Chesapeake Bay in Virginia's Northern Neck and, in 2007, Julie had hip replacement surgery and, sadly, Jim was diagnosed with esophageal cancer. He passed away last February. It has been a tough year for Julie, but she and daughter Ashley started a jewelry design business called Works of Heart and sell their wares in boutiques and galleries as far away as Florida. Julie has been in contact with **Pam Temple Roach** (we were all suitemates/roommates for a while) and Ned, who have a weekend home not far from her. Pam and Julie went to Costa Rica when Julie had to work on the property there. They snorkeled, hung out at the beach, and zip-lined through the forest canopy.

Our class is extraordinary. I wrote before that we were a transition class that is coming up on 40 years of shared fun, friendship, families, and grief, but, through it all, we remain friends, even when we're out of touch with each other for months or years on end. In the emails, I found such spirit from a class that has its roots in the '60s and '70s. I hope we will all meet again in Fredericksburg for our 40th Reunion and that others will share notes for the next edition of the magazine.

1972

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Hello, everybody. My sincere hope is that you all survived what was an unbelievable winter.

If we thought we would be slowing down at this point, it looks like many of us were mistaken. Life seems busier than ever for all of us. I still sing for Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church and never grow weary of that beautiful historic place of worship. Dennis continues to enjoy retirement, writes, and is active in a couple of organizations around Baltimore.

The economic downturn reared its ugly head in Baltimore; after 12 years, my position as a legal assistant at DLA Piper was abolished. Beginning the job search again was an eye-opening experience, but a new position opened at Neuberger, Quinn, Gielen, Rubin & Gibber, and I am so pleased with my new job. It's fantastic being downtown close to the Inner Harbor and working for a mid-sized and totally focused firm. My sincere hope is that most of our class was spared this type of hardship.

Dennis and I had a terrific visit with Dave and **Cheryl Prietz Childress** and we shared a fun-filled evening of laughter and reminiscing. Cheryl's stepfather turned 100 and they visited him in Rhode Island, working in some shopping and sightseeing. They were busy planning daughter Thea's wedding, to be held at the Hotel Roanoke in September. They could not have picked a lovelier setting.

Norah Heckman '73 and I still laugh and carry on much the same as we did in the dorm all those years ago. She recently had knee surgery and is doing fine.

Terri Hall Alford completed her 15th year as executive assistant to Congressman Patrick Kennedy, and husband Marty is in congressional relations. Daughter Michelle and her husband are in Nevada with 6-year-old grandson Alex. Younger daughter Mary Beth moved to Roanoke, Va., and manages a home-care business. Last May, Terri and Marty enjoyed a trip to France, where they visited the Loire Valley with its fabulous chateaus, food, and wine.

Last summer, Terri joined **Mary Saunders Williams** at her beach house in Nags Head, N.C., along with **Shirley Harris Sutton**, **Sherrie Mitchell Boone**, and **Nancy Mahone Miller**. Shirley returned the favor in August by hosting a pool party at her home on Lynnhaven Inlet in Virginia Beach, where they were joined by **Martha Stansell Vogel**. **Ann Toms Richardson** invited the lively group to dinner at her Norfolk, Va., home. **Lona Kardos Tonelson** and **Gayle Sherwood Cervarich** turned up and everyone had a wonderful evening with much laughter. Shirley hosted another get-together in November at her mountain cabin in Nelson County, Va. Shirley, Mary, Nancy, Martha, **Kathy Ray**, **Brenda Franklin**, and Terri had a great time at the famous Saunders Brothers Farm Market, listening to fiddle music, making applesauce at the cabin, and hiking through the gorgeous fall foliage. It is always heartwarming to see how many of you play "hostess with the mostest" so beautifully.

Nancy Mahone Miller continues in her position as collection development librarian, while CG works part-time running an afterschool homework program. Nancy is vice director of the first district of Virginia DAR and is president of her chapter of United States Daughters of 1812. She and CG went to western North Carolina for the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games last year and hosted the Clan Ramsay tent at the Williamsburg Scottish Festival. They are quite involved at church, where CG is a certified lay speaker.

That's it for this time. I hope to hear from more of you this year.

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I can't believe it has been a year since our 35th reunion. We would love to hear from the Class of 1974. Please send us information so we can keep up with each other.

For all of us who graduated from Mary Washington before it attained university status, the University Bookstore now has some MWC items for sale. Check the bookstore website.

Last June, **Jennie Daffron Brown** retired as artistic director at the School of the Performing Arts in the Richmond Community, and husband Larry Brown retired as its managing director. A founding instructor in 1981, Jennie was named executive director in 1998, the year Larry joined as development director. The couple grew the organization from approximately 200 Richmond area students in 1998 to nearly 10,000 students in a variety of programs, including two statewide initiatives. Jennie received a YWCA Outstanding Women Award in the category of arts in 2003. Both she and Larry were honored last October with *Richmond Magazine*'s Theresa Pollak Prize for Excellence in the Arts Lifetime Achievement award for their work at SPARC.

Peg Hubbard stays in close touch with **Lisa Tyree Sweeney** of San Diego. Peg let us know that Lisa's youngest brother, Alex Tyree of Wilmington, Del., passed away in February after a long battle with cancer. Alex was a chaplain and counselor with Delaware Hospice for 18 years and helped thousands of people cope with the confusion that comes with a life-threatening illness.

We hope to hear from more of you for our next submission.

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After having lived in Southern California for more than 21 years, in March I relocated to Twisp, Wash. I will leave it to your detective skills to figure out why. It is all wonderful and good and I must give credit where it is due: Facebook changed my life! I hope to teach more yoga, write more, and embrace not only a wonderful man, but a much slower pace of life!

Rob Hall is chief of police of Twisp, a far cry from the Rob we knew as a theater major. He began his career as a college professor, teaching acting and directing until his mid-30s when he decided a change was in order. He pursued his second dream of law enforcement and began as a rookie in Oklahoma City in the mid-'90s. In January, he relocated to Twisp from La Crosse, Va.

> ***Anne Meaney Leckie '78 is a geographer serving as the executive director of the self-governing Na-Cho Nyak Dun First Nation in the 400-person village of Mayo in the central part of Yukon, Canada.***

Kevin Havens and his praise band, JC Reigns, released their second CD last November, so music continues to be a vital part of his life and ministry.

Kathleen Diehl Hartman's Ball Third West group was together this past March at the funeral of **Jane Albert McGee**'s father. Attending were **Laura Ann Ewers Cline**, **Kathleen Baldwin Geary**, **Lisa Lyle Wu**, and **Jody Nutter Amberly '76**. Kathleen said **Dana DeGroot Grobicki**'s daughter was expecting a baby this summer, which would make Dana a grandmother for the first time. **Lisa Lyle** planned to teach a class in Bermuda for three weeks this summer.

Pat Seyller met up with **Deb Rundgren '80** and **Sally Curtis Wimberley '80** last November. They hadn't seen each other for quite some time and had a blast. In spring, Pat was readying the costumes for Virginia Opera's *A Little Night Music* with fashion designer Isaac Mizrahi. Amy Irving was cast in the lead.

Jackie Alby Gardner and husband **Jud Gardner** were in Las Vegas this past April. Jackie continues to travel the country as executive director of Vitiligo Support International. **Margaret Jeffries-Honeycutt** and husband Don are still in Warrenton, Va. Maggie was returning to active staff at Fauquier Hospital, with no physician cross coverage, and they were planning to be pretty tethered by that obligation for a while. They continue to pursue their dream of delivering "hippotherapy," a treatment that uses the multidimensional movement of the horse, to children from abusive homes.

Stay in touch, and please note my new email address above.

1978

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Anne Meaney Leckie is a long way from Stratford, Conn., where she grew up, and from Mary Washington! She received a doctorate in geography in 1986 from the University of Calgary. She worked in Brazil for a while, taught at the State University of New York in Geneseo, and then followed her husband to Yukon in Canada in 1992. He died of cancer in 1999, and Anne stayed as a practicing geographer working as the executive director of the self-governing Na-Cho Nyak Dun First Nation in the 400-person village of Mayo in the central part of Yukon. They are Northern Tutchone people who settled their land claims with Canada in the '90s and are developing their own government. Anne said that it is very cool to witness their process and a privilege to have been part of it for more than 15 years. She is on the Yukon Territory Water Board and has a new beau, Marc Johnston.

Virginia Thompson and husband Keith have lived in Kingsport, Tenn., since 1980. They've reached their goal of traveling to all seven continents, visiting some multiple times. They recently went on safari in Tanzania and visited friends in South Africa. One highlight of the trip was a hot air balloon ride over the Serengeti, where lions have the right of way. They could look down to see the roadway with chase-cars blocked by lions! Virginia is a mother of three children and grandmother of seven. She retired from Merck & Co., is active in a local Toastmasters International club, and has returned to teaching art part time at a private elementary school. Throughout the past seven years, her students consistently have won international awards for artwork done in class.

Joanna Markussen Livengood and husband Dave continue to restore old cars, travel around the United States, and enjoy their beautiful granddaughter. Dave's mother just turned 93 and Joanna said it is a joy to have four generations of family together. **Sharon Doggett** retired from the Coast Guard Reserve after 30 years of service and the ceremony was held last July. Congratulations, Sharon!

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I stay busy with work, family, and friends. Once again, Facebook provided many great updates. **Catherine Miller Canty** teaches fourth grade in Midlothian, Va., a suburb of Richmond. Son John was a sophomore at JMU, son Chris was a sophomore at Cosby High School, and daughter Meghan was singing her heart out as a freshman at the Visual and Performing Arts Specialty Center at Thomas Dale High School. Husband Paul travels overseas, most recently to Korea and China. Their dogs, Molly and Jack, round out their motley crew!

Carla Richardson Barrell enjoys visiting daughter Kaitlin, who was a UMW freshman living in Russell Hall, one floor below Carla and **Vicki Haynes Morris**'s

old room. Kaitlin has made several close friends, tutors ESL students in an off-campus afterschool program, and plans to major in history. Carla still teaches earth science and biology in Franklin County, Va., rides her horse occasionally, and was getting used to having an empty nest. She and Vicki got together this summer when Vicki was in town, and Carla said that Vicki is still the same great conversationalist and storyteller. Vicki and her family have lived in Wisconsin for the past several years. She works her dream schedule, two days a week, and helps a young family with infant triplets. Son Taylor received his electricity certificate last year, was in the third semester of a machinist program, and is a great help with Vicki's "honey do" list. Younger son Evan planned to spend three weeks in a foreign exchange program in Germany this summer and was focusing on selecting a college. Husband Rick travels a lot with Kimberly-Clark and just celebrated his 21st anniversary with the company.

Heather Archer Mackey relocated her family to a different house in Richmond so her dad could move in with them. She spends lots of time as a project manager with Renaissance Planning Group, working from home three days a week and commuting to Charlottesville the other two days. She chases three swimmers, one ballerina, two dogs, two guinea pigs, and two mice.

Betsey Riester, an avid equestrian, retired from the Army three years ago and lives with her husband and daughters in Poquoson, Va. Elder daughter Melissa spent her junior year at the University of Oxford and plans to finish at Duke University before heading to law school. Daughter Maddie was a high school sophomore and spends time at the barn with the horses. Betsey manages the Langley Saddle Club and produces handmade quilts at an amazing rate. Husband Don retired from the Army and transitioned to a civilian job with Northrop Grumman.

Carla Braun Bell has a son who is a junior at Virginia Tech and another married son. She adopted a little girl from China seven years ago. **Pamela Chadwick Luke** works in special collections at Hampton Public Library in Virginia. She has one child at Virginia Tech and another in high school. **Donna Dealto Stacia** works long hours as a tax CPA. Husband Bill, retired from the Navy and now works with an Internet security company. They are building a house in Vienna, Va., and are thrilled to put down roots after spending the last few years in Hawaii, Connecticut, and the United Kingdom. **Jennifer Goodwin Donegan** and Navy husband Brian transferred back to the Norfolk, Va., area. Daughter Meredith is newly engaged and working with Operation Smile. Son Sean was a senior at Carnegie Mellon University and plans to attend graduate school.

My roomie, **Debbie Snyder Barker** teaches and keeps up with her kids. Sam was in his third year of tuition (parents everywhere can appreciate this nuance) at the University of South Carolina; Chip was anxiously awaiting admittance to Virginia Tech; and daughter Leah, who was to start her junior year of high school, was on the 2009 Virginia state champion varsity cheer team. **Barbara Cahill Silvers** lives with her husband and two daughters in New Jersey and is an elementary school basic skills teacher. **Rhonda Nash** resigned last summer after five years as the Baptist campus minister at UMW. She was substitute teaching, waiting for the "next chapter" of her life, and planning to officiate at her niece's wedding in May. **Wilhelmina Long** runs a nonprofit called Youth Matter and has run a graphics consulting business for 16 years.

Carla Richardson Barrell '81 enjoys visiting daughter Kaitlin, who as a UMW freshman lived in Russell Hall, one floor below Carla and Vicki Haynes Morris's old room.

Julia Samson, self-described as the older, blond (married with one small child) physics major who practically lived in Combs, shared an office during her last year at Mary Washington with Prof. Nikola Nikolic and taught first-year physics lab. After college, she joined the Navy and was stationed in Florida as a nuclear power school instructor. She spent many years as a government contractor and consultant in the submarine trainer and aerospace fields. She even worked with space shuttle "stuff" at the Kennedy Space Center.

Happy 50th birthday to all of us! We look fabulous! Please stay in touch and share your news.

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I still work at Humana and am scheduled to run another mini this year after a three-year hiatus. Our son, Tom, is finishing his sophomore year in college as I write this, majoring in math and computer science, and considering a teaching career. His a cappella group had been traveling, and he recently added an opera to his résumé. Our middle son, Michael, was finishing his junior year in high school, so the college search begins. He is interested in studying computer science. He teaches ballroom dance and works fixing computers at his high school. Our youngest son, Frank, was finishing his sophomore year in high school and talking about going to medical school. He plays guitar, piano, flute, and harmonica. My husband, Tom, is also at Humana and flies around the country, mostly to Washington, D.C. I have traveled a bit, as well, to Dallas and San Francisco. My father spent about eight months with me and planned to come back to me from Florida once the weather is warmer.

I found so many of you on Facebook and couldn't be happier! Our kids are getting older, as are we, but the Mary Washington spirit lives on! Here are the updates from so many of you.

Regina Perry Jones of Suffolk, Va., is a nurse practitioner at the Western Tidewater Free Clinic, which provides primary care to patients ages 18 to 64 who don't have health insurance. They are in constant need of volunteers and educational materials. Regina divorced in 1997 and was remarried in 2005 to Charlie Jones.

Katherine Farmer was looking forward to June, when her twin sons were to graduate high school and turn 18. One planned to join the Marine Corps and the other to stay home and go to college.

Glen Bell planned to take another church mission trip to the Czech Republic. He still works for Delta Air Lines after the merger with Northwest. Their boys, ages 7 and 9, were preparing for a regional chess tournament after doing well in school competitions. Glen dusted off the soccer cleats for spring and continues to play in an over-40 league in Atlanta. They recently visited with **John Middlebrook** and wife Camille in Washington, D.C.

Kitty Hahn-Campanella wrote that Lent is a busy time for people in ministry, and she was in the middle of Easter preparations. Kitty is pastor of Highland Memorial Presbyterian Church in Winchester, Va., and a chaplain for Blue Ridge Hospice. She said she couldn't have two more rewarding jobs! Their sons, one was in eighth grade and one was in 11th, are busy with school and at the hockey rink.

Nelly Angela Garza's life has changed quite a bit since the last reunion. She lost her job last June but has enjoyed being at home, even though her children are now 19 and 25. The oldest graduated from college last December and is substitute teaching and searching for a job. The youngest was to graduate from high school in June and head to college in Tempe, Ariz., in the fall. Nelly takes care of her 86-year-old mother-in-law, who has some medical problems and takes more than a dozen medications. Nelly is busy with church choir and running an Herbalife business from home. Her husband still works at their church.

Mabel Royal works in a cancer research lab at North Carolina Central University in Durham. She is also an adjunct assistant professor in the biology department there. Her research contract was soon to end, but was to be picked up again if the grant is funded. Meanwhile, Mabel planned to teach more courses this summer and fall. She still teaches cake decorating at Michaels, is into scrapbooking, and is a consultant with Creative Memories.

Andrea Kocolis Hornung of Spotsylvania, Va., is still an assistant director for the Stafford County Department of Planning and Zoning. Husband Neil retired from the Marine Corps as a colonel and is now a senior counterintelligence officer at the Department of Energy in Washington, D.C. Son Brandon, 10, was in the fifth-grade gifted program and is an avid soccer and lacrosse player. He recently bridged over to Boy Scouts and already is working toward becoming an

Eagle Scout like his father. Son Ryan, 8, was in second grade and was to be in the gifted program next year. He is the all-around athlete, playing soccer, basketball, and flag football. Ryan also is in Scouts and was to complete his first communion in May. Last year, they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, son's 10th birthday, mother's 70th birthday, and parents' 50th anniversary on a great cruise to Bermuda.

Becky Hobbs Shermer has two daughters, almost 9 and 12. Becky still works part time and is in her 25th year as a labor and delivery nurse at VCU Medical Center (MCV). She loves it and says it's her mission. They follow VCU basketball, attending many home games, and Becky was looking into paddling local rivers in their canoes. Both of her parents moved to a retirement community last spring and require a good bit more attention from her and her siblings.

Annette Wenger lives in the Philadelphia area, is married to a great guy, has two beautiful golden retrievers, and spends free time training dogs and helping rescue organizations. She had worked for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals for seven years, but Pfizer purchased Wyeth last year and her job was relocated to Groton, Conn. She elected not to go, so she's looking for new employment. She planned to take a few months off to do some of the things she's always wanted to do.

Judith Sweetman Gwynn recently changed jobs and now works for the Architect of the Capitol on Capitol Hill. Her oldest child, Andrew, was to graduate high school this year and is interested in law enforcement. **Sharon Robertson Williamson** became an at-home mom after Circuit City liquidated early last year. She and the kids had a ball traveling and just hanging out. In the fall, she took a fantastic job with Dell Services. She and hubby Brian spent their 17th anniversary at The Homestead.

Ellen Tomlin Edinger enjoys camping, hiking, going to the beach and Busch Gardens, and almost anything associated with the outdoors. For 22 years, she has been a social worker for the City of Lynchburg, Va., investigating allegations of abuse and neglect of disabled adults and the elderly. Ellen married a medic in October 2006 and has two wonderful stepchildren and two spoiled rotten cats. She celebrated her parents' 50th anniversary in April.

Amy Plummer was a program assistant for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for 21 years and retired on disability in 2007. She lives in West Virginia, where she and her mother own a home that they share with four cats. They live next door to her youngest brother and her nephews and nieces. Amy was looking forward to her 50th birthday in May. She keeps in touch with her former roommate, **Susan Rogalski Piper '82**.

Terry Lehman Eliason lives outside of Hartford, Conn., and her husband has a long commute to New Haven. Terry volunteers at the soup kitchen in town. Daughter Katie is a ballerina in Atlanta. Son Will lives in the next town and is a part-time student in the culinary program at a community college. Daughter Sara was a junior in high school, and they are starting to do some college searching. Terry is taking some classes and considering a second career in nursing or as a physician assistant. She has taken chemistry and plans to take two semesters of anatomy and physiology. (She said, "I bet there isn't a Dr. Friedman at Manchester Community College." We all remember Dr. Friedman's A&P class!)

Sarah Moseley Martin '86 served as a logistics coordinator for the production crew with The Who during its halftime performance at Super Bowl XLIV in Miami.

Terry's former roommate **Debbie Childress Marshall** has worked at Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville, Va., for 15 years as the director of human resources and volunteer services. A few years ago, she went back to school and finished an MBA. Debbie's daughter was in her third year at Shenandoah University. They keep in touch with **Diana Norton Elwell '78** and **Michael Elwell '79**, who live in Frisco, Texas, with their four children. Debbie gave up horseback riding for tennis but still enjoys equestrian events.

Terri Patty Crumpler teaches middle school world geography at Nansemond-Suffolk Academy in Suffolk, Va., where husband John owns a farming operation. Son Robert, a 2007 VMI graduate, lives in Lexington and works for VMI's alumni association. He married wife Erica last May. Terri's Mary Washington roommate of four years, **Brenda Wells Crafton**, was at the wedding, which took place in VMI's Jackson Hall.

Karrie Nelson Ferguson works for Medtronic CRDM. Delaney was finishing her senior year of high school and getting ready for college, and Andrew was finishing his freshman year of high school.

Kimberly Clautice Badgett was hoping for a successful qualifying race in Jacksonville, Fla., in December of 2008, in preparation for the Boston Marathon. But at mile 24, she went down with a broken hip. She endured two surgeries and after five months out of work, she was walking and searching for a healthy way to indulge her love of running. She walked the half marathon at Thanksgiving and finished in less than three hours. Kimberly teaches second graders, and her husband of 25 years, Dale, is still with UPS and became a fishing tournament director. Oldest daughter Kristen was to graduate from the University of Florida in May. She was scouting the country's physician assistant schools, taking an EMT course, and applying for a master's program at the University of South Florida in Tampa. Younger daughter Kaitlin also was to graduate in May, was already dual enrolled at the community college, and planned to live at home while deciding which area of art she wants to pursue.

Lisa Harris Coleman still works at Science Software and Applications. Daughters, Kate, 15, and Erin, 12, ice-skate several times a week, and they all enjoy cooking and watching the Food Network. **Kathy Walters Along**'s daughter, Gina, was in 10th grade and son Joseph, 12, was in seventh. Husband Jim plans to retire from the FBI at the end of the year and enter the private sector in corporate insurance fraud. Kathy still teaches Jazzercise and volunteers with the Junior League.

Teresa Childers Peterson and her husband bought a second home in Ormond Beach, Fla., close to the beach and in-laws. **Jackie Lane Rice** completed an Ironman triathlon in Panama City Beach, Fla., last November and was enjoying some spare time, allowing her to attend her three kids' activities.

1984

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Greg Chambers was appointed chief engineer at the U.S. Marine Corps Systems Command at Quantico, Va. The Secretary of the Navy and the Commandant of the Marine Corps recently honored him for his years of government service. Greg lives in Fredericksburg but enjoys trips to the Richmond area and to Myrtle Beach, S.C., where he runs into other alumni "shagging on the boulevard."

1985

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Beth Smith remarried last year and has her maiden name back. She and husband Scott live in Wichita Falls, Texas. She has three teenagers and a master's degree in clinical psychology.

Russell "Rusty" Berry also lives in Texas. After seven years with a national franchise, he recently opened his own residential real estate brokerage, DFW Sells Real Estate, in the Dallas/Fort Worth metro area. Rusty was a 2009 finalist for DFW Realtors' salesperson of the year.

Eleni Coukos Elder lives with husband Jim in Nashville, Tenn., and is an assistant professor in the department of educational administration at Tennessee State University. She teaches graduate students and coordinates the weekend master of education program. After graduating from Mary Washington, Eleni taught in Virginia for 13 years. She earned a master of education degree in administration and supervision from VCU in 1998, and a doctor of education degree in higher educational leadership from Florida Atlantic University in 2002. Her research interests focus on cognitive processes, personality, and learning styles of strategic educational leaders.

After a first career as a research chemist, **Michael Weigel** went back to school and turned to computer science. He now works for MTCSC

in Charleston, S.C. Also an accomplished violinist and tenor, he sang for three years with the National Christian Choir, and in 1994 he played with an American opera company at Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow. There he met the woman he would marry, Julie Anne Ferrigno. He loves being the father of Emily, 13; Matthew, 11; John, 8; and Hannah, 4. He is composing the second movement of his first symphony.

In January, **Gail Gustafson** moved from California to Pittsboro, N.C., with her sons, Jonathan, 3, and Christopher, 1, to be closer to friends and family. She is a therapist at a therapeutic boarding school and is happy to be back on the East Coast. **Sigrid Skrivseth Houston** lives in Reisterstown, Md., with her husband and three children, one of whom plans to start college this fall. She is a part-time children's ministry director and volunteers with the Boy Scouts and teaching ESL.

Lisa Taylor lives in Maryland, is a senior manager at Northrop Grumman, and teaches Jazzercise four nights a week. Lisa sent a torrent of news. **Amy Orndorff Williams** lives in Winchester, Va., with her husband and children, Mitchell, Abbye, and Wyatt. She still has that million-dollar smile and is as gorgeous as ever. **Tracy Barrand Norcross** lives in Northern Virginia with husband Rob and two beautiful girls, Paige and Jackie. **Cami Roberts Graham** and husband David live in Richmond, and she teaches music at Thomas Dale High School. Daughter Forrest finished her sophomore year at James Madison University and son Jack graduated high school. Cami hasn't aged a day since graduation.

Cathy "Cuff" Gibbons Kunkel lives with husband Chris and their daughters in Midlothian, Va., close to her parents. This fall, Katy will start 10th grade, Emily will start eighth grade, and Cuff will start her 18th year of teaching. **Chris Lamm** and **Joanne Bartholomew Lamm** have lived in Mechanicsburg, Pa., since 1990. Daughter Becky finished her freshman year at UMW and is considering a major in international affairs. Son Tom is 16, and son Stephen is 13.

Kim Kanouse Phillips lives in Northern Virginia. Her daughter finished her fourth year at U.Va., and her son finished his first year at Columbia University, where he is on the swim team. **Whit Baldwin**'s business, HeloAir, recently tripled

Sweets Success for Alumna Lisa Caldwell

Lisa Caldwell with client Steven Spielberg

Whether for comfort or celebration, desserts tend to fill more than just an empty stomach. They are servings of soothing sentiment – delicious morsels that proclaim "I love you" or "I'm sorry" or "thank you."

Lisa Caldwell '85 knows that.

Caldwell is co-owner of Nonnie Waller's Traditional Southern, an Ohio-based bakery famous for packaging its pound cakes and chocolates in distinctive keepsake hatboxes. She takes her company's mission very seriously: to create beauty and sweetness as a means of making an emotional connection with people.

In addition to being uniquely packaged, each order is accompanied by a personal note and fresh flowers. After shipment, Caldwell or another Nonnie Waller's employee calls each customer to make sure the package arrived looking as lovely as it did when it left the bakery. "People are entrusting us to send their sentiments to someone who needs them," Caldwell said. "My voice, which is the most personal thing I can offer, ties the whole experience in a bow."

The folks at Nonnie Waller's Traditional Southern proudly hail their primary product as "The Best Damn Pound Cake On Earth." The business is based in a historic three-story building in the tiny town of Spring Valley, Ohio. "We like to think that we're in the business of making memories for people," said Caldwell. "In a world of high technology, where everything is so fast-paced, people are desperate for something real."

Nonnie Waller's clients include Steven Spielberg, Tom Hanks, and other celebrities, who sometimes have the pound cakes drop-shipped to a movie set or party location. Maria Shriver had a Nonnie Waller's Traditional Southern pound cake delivered to her close friend Oprah Winfrey. The talk show host liked the buttery cakes so much, she featured them on her show and gave them out to audience members.

Caldwell's attention to detail and flair for creativity were honed during her undergraduate days at Mary Washington College. Attracted to the intimate setting and stimulating course work of the school, Caldwell pursued a major in business. "I came away from Mary Washington with a sense of grace about the world," she said.

For a decade after graduation, Caldwell worked as an account manager for the National Cash Register Company. In 1995, she and a partner started their own sales and marketing firm called The Balance Group, providing consultation for companies like LexisNexis.

During that time, Caldwell crossed paths with a stay-at-home mom who used hatboxes to send cakes to family and friends. "She had a concept I loved," Caldwell said. "And I possessed a skill she did not have: how to create, run, and grow a business."

While it was no piece of cake, Caldwell and her partner managed to transform an apartment-based cottage industry into a booming bakery business that offers handmade chocolates in addition to cakes.

Despite its national acclaim, Nonnie Waller's Traditional Southern maintains a personal touch, from hand-rolled truffles, to hand-crafted hatboxes, to handwritten note cards. Product lines expand and choices change, but the ingredients of the business remain the same – service, love, caring, attention, connection – ingredients Caldwell took with her from Mary Washington. "There are lots of good cake bakers and chocolate makers," Caldwell said. "My business is all about emotion."

– Lorna Webster

the size of its office/hangar/shop area at Richmond International Airport and has helicopters in Corpus Christie, Texas; Ocala, Fla.; and Edison, N.J. Whit's daughter, Dakota, turned 3 in February.

Marianna Rixey Scott and husband **Mark Scott '84** live in Charlottesville, Va., with three daughters. Marianna recently started a new job as an office administrator for a construction/real estate company, and Mark is doing well at SunTrust Mortgage despite the economy. This fall, Maggie, their oldest, plans to start her fourth year at U.Va.; Lauren, who graduated from high school a year early, plans to start college; and Kat plans to start fourth grade.

Susan Waid Beard is a private banking vice president with Wachovia/Wells Fargo in Greensboro, N.C. Husband Richard owns a commercial real estate firm. Son Thomas is a rising junior at Christ School in Arden, N.C., and daughter Mary Grace is a rising seventh grader.

Susann Sowers Lusnia and her husband had to evacuate during Hurricane Katrina, but their New Orleans home suffered only modest damage. An associate professor of classical studies at Tulane University, Susann plans to direct classical summer school at the American Academy in Rome from 2011 to 2013. At Tulane, she received an award for excellence in undergraduate teaching, and her book, *Creating Severan Rome: The Architecture and Self-Image of L. Septimius Severus*, will be published this year. She earned advanced degrees at the University of Cincinnati, studied and taught in Rome, and taught at Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

I'll end with news from my "Virginia First Front" freshman-year hall mates. **Monique Gormont Mobley** moved 14 times in 25 years of marriage to Navy husband Scott, but they have been in the Madison, Wis., area for five years now. Scott is retired and is pursuing a doctorate, and their children are in college. Monique works at the local chamber of commerce and frequently visits extended family in Northern Virginia.

Angela Kolonay Wood was a paralegal in Washington, D.C., for six years before her first son was born 17 years ago. Three years later, she and economist husband Paul had another son. They live in McLean, Va., where Angela teaches preschool.

Kelly Gorman Ashworth transferred from Mary Washington after sophomore year to go to nursing school. She and husband Munford live in Mechanicsville, Va., and Kelly works in the mother/infant unit at Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center. Son Luke graduated this spring from Virginia Tech, where younger son Reid also studies. Daughter Berkley is in high school.

After many years as a single career-oriented woman, **Patti Schiefer-Rice** met her soul mate, Sean Rice. Then came another miracle: a natural pregnancy at age 44 with twin boys. Sadly, one child did not survive, but little Thomas Rice is a much-loved toddler in Fairfax, Va. Patti's father – also named Thomas – died this winter. She said that the past few years "have been an incredible experience and have taught me how fragile and wondrous life can be simultaneously." Patti is a communications specialist for the Army.

I am getting a kick out of being Class Agent. Shoot me an email with your news or to be added to my contact list for timely reminders. Look for the box with submission deadlines in the Class Notes section of this issue.

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1986

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Jennifer Taylor Boussuge and family are moving to London, thanks to Jennifer's promotion to ISB global treasury sales executive with Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Jennifer's teams will be responsible for all inbound business to Europe from foreign multinational corporations. Congratulations, Jennifer!

Sarah Moseley Martin served as a logistics coordinator with the production crew for The Who during the halftime Super Bowl XLIV performance in Miami. This was Sarah's third Super Bowl. After the game, she visited New Orleans for Mardi Gras and met up with **Kent Birkle**, who plays in a bluegrass band and has been doing well since Hurricane Katrina. Then, Sarah was off to Jamaica for a production event with Little Feat and Taj Mahal.

Traci Forrester McGee '87 is the operating room manager for neurosurgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Karen Pohlmann Miller and husband Derek celebrated their 25th anniversary this June, traveling to St. Thomas for a second honeymoon and to renew their vows. **Lisa Harvey** and **Deb Hass McKinney** had an awesome time this past spring in San Antonio, where they saw their cherished UConn Huskies win the national championship with their 78th consecutive victory at the Women's Final Four. Lisa met up with **Mina Holden Horn** in Baltimore and reports that Mina is as fabulous as ever.

Stephanie Doswald Sebolt plans to defend her dissertation this fall, and **Jocelyn Piccone**, running enthusiast extraordinaire, switched to the ultra world of trail running.

C'mon guys! Share your news … everyone loves these notes!

1987

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From Kim: My husband, Ken, and I have started our 14th year in business with our computer services company. Ken continues to travel around the country to radio control flying competitions, where he takes pictures and video for an online radio control website. My second full-time job has become finding and applying for scholarships for our son, Chris. He is to start college at Oklahoma State University this fall, and we are so proud of him. I'm just not quite sure how I'll survive his going away to school!

Sara Marple Piehler of Reisterstown, Md., is a medical technologist in a reference laboratory with the American Red Cross. Sara has a beautiful 15-year-old daughter and three cats. Her dad passed away in 2005, and her mom passed on last summer. Our condolences go to Sara. **Traci Forrester McGee** and husband Dan moved from the West Coast to Nashville, Tenn., in March. Traci is the operating room manager for neurosurgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Look out for **Jane Ellen Brennan Herrin** throughout the first half hour of *Larry the Cable Guy's Hula Palooza Christmas Luau*. It aired in November and December on CMT and is now on DVD. Jane Ellen hosts an award-winning podcast and website; she acts, models, records audio books, is helping the group Scarletta, and is involved with Gary Chapman in his "A Hymn A Week" project. Husband Jim still works in radio and at the Putnam County [Tennessee] Election Commission. Anna Grace is set to start kindergarten at the end of July, and Jenna Marie turns 4 in August.

Toni Moore Milbourne and husband Tom celebrated their 20th anniversary last fall. Their oldest daughter, Polly, attends Fairmont State University in West Virginia. Toni still works at the county paper, where new owners are working to improve things.

Don't forget, I am now on Facebook. Look for me under "Kim Jones Isaac" and let me know what you've been up to!

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UMW blue shot glass – **$6.99**

Small UMW tote bag with full zipper enclosure
$22.99

UMW Nike flex cap – one size fits most
$23.99

UMW wine glass 12 oz. – **$14.99**

UMW on-the-rocks glass – **$9.99**

I Love You More Than Rainbows – written by Susan E. Crites '91
$14.99

UMW Nalgene water bottle – assorted colors, BPA-free
$13.99

Navy Dri-fit polo shirt from Nike – white accents and embroidered UMW, S-XL
$51.99

UMW license frame – **$19.99**

UMW D-ring belt XS-XL –**$14.99**

UMW navy web chain – **$5.99**

UMW Eagles blue mug with thumb handle
$9.99

UMW Eagles white and blue mug with squares
$7.99

Navy academy jacket from Jansport – white University of Mary Washington and grey watermark Eagle, Men's/Unisex fit (larger than women's fit), S-XL – **$39.99**

1988

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Jennie Kopcienski Frenette and husband Peter are teachers in Saranac Lake, near Lake Placid, N.Y., where they both are involved in school sports programs. Jennie teaches music and chorus. Daughter Gracey, 19, is majoring in biology and chemistry at the University of Denver. Son Peter, 18, was on the U.S. ski jumping team and competed in his first Olympics in Vancouver, finishing first among the Americans. The competition was one of the most exciting and nerve-racking things Jennie has ever watched! Back home, NBC covered the team and Jenny said it was cool to see their child on national TV. Annie, 14, also is a ski jumper and was heading to the Junior Olympics in Steamboat Springs, Colo. Jennie and **Sue Burry '87** planned to get together in May; they last saw each other at a 2008 girls-only weekend in Boston.

After three and a half years, **Wendy LaRue** completed a doctoral program in educational leadership at Walden University. Her dissertation was a case study of Montessori high schools. She is head of one of approximately 16 schools with Montessori high school programs in the United States. Wendy is getting back into running after spending all those years at her desk writing!

Elisa M. Johnson Stelwagon Buckley, husband Jim, and son Jacob, 12, live in the New York metro area with their cat and two dogs. Elisa loves it there but cries each year on Sept. 11. Jim recently battled cancer, but his prognosis is great and he handled it like a champ. After more than nine years working for Microsoft, Elisa experienced a RIF – reduction in force – and now works for Micro Strategies in Denville, N.J.

1989

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Hello, Class of '91! Hope this finds all of you well. I did not receive any alumni news this time. Look for the box with deadlines for submissions in the Class Notes section of this issue. I look forward to hearing from you!

1992

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Hi to everyone from the Class of '92. Life has been good here in Chatham, N.J. Last winter, we had more than 2 feet of snow, which kept my kids thrilled and all of us going a bit stir crazy. I've been busy helping at 6-year-old Mary Ella's and 5-year-old Jack's schools, taking a great five-week cooking course, and trying to get back into a good routine at the gym. My husband, John, is busy commuting back and forth to Ernst & Young's Times Square office every day, stressing out over mergers and acquisitions.

Courtney Hall Harjung and husband Tom did a lot of traveling this year with trips to Antigua; St. Simons Island, Ga.; St. Lucia; and Tom's alma mater, Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, for homecoming. Courtney went to Jamaica with fellow travel agents. She had a bad fall in autumn and still has two herniated discs. In January, Tom was promoted to manager of Thompson Engineering's Atlanta office. Courtney reports that Facebook friends **Christine Harrison Grant, Amy Johnson, Lydia Cordes, Linda Kelly Hadley, Tevin Chaney, Sean Michael Dargan '90, Patrick Fines '93, Jason Magi '93, Michael Weil '93,** and **Kevin Carnaha** all are doing well.

Brady Chapman stays busy with three kids and a second work location he recently opened in Lakeland, Fla. In October, Brady got together with the usual suspects – **Mike Smith, Thomas Brophy, Jeff Jakimtschuk, Brian Bodson, Drew White, Rob Vass,** and **Jay McNamara** – for a weekend of golf and stories they've told each other a dozen times.

I had a great email exchange with **Dave Derkowski** of Chicago about the family trip to Japan they were to take in June. I filled him in on the details of traveling in Tokyo. They planned to visit Kyoto and Hakone using a seven-day rail pass, be based out of Tokyo, and visit the Tokyo Disney Resort. The kids are excited to eat authentic Asian food. Ganbatte (hang in there), Dave!

Please send me some news!

1993

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I am busy keeping up with everyone on Facebook and unpacking boxes for what I hope will be the last time for quite a while. I now live in Victorian Village in the Short North area of Columbus, Ohio. It's good to chat with everyone online, but it makes writing this a little more difficult because I get snippets of news every day! Feel free to "friend" me on Facebook or email your news!

J. Suzanne Horsley moved from Salt Lake City, Utah, to Tuscaloosa, Ala., last year to teach public relations at the University of Alabama. She and husband Joe are glad to be back in the South, closer to friends and family. Suzanne has been an active volunteer with the American Red Cross and deployed to Fargo, N.D., when the floods hit last March to help manage public affairs during the relief operation. In October, she was invited to present her research in disaster communications at an international conference in Ilmenau, Germany. Suzanne has a chapter in the newly published *The Handbook of Crisis Communication.*

> ***J. Suzanne Horsley '93 moved to Tuscaloosa, Ala., to teach public relations at the University of Alabama.***

Matt Strickler and **Allyson Dieck** started dating last summer and are engaged to be married this year! (Pretty amazing when you consider that she turned him down for a date in 1989!) They plan to live in Arlington, Va. After five years at L–3 Communications, Matt left in October to become contracts director at Lattice Incorporated. Allyson has worked for Best Tile for more than 10 years and loves that it allows her to travel the globe, speaking several languages with her clients and customers.

Aimee Cooper Starr and husband David have enjoyed a house renovation and addition. Upgrades include spacious bedrooms and a beautiful front porch. Aimee, David, the Starr kids, and **Cheryl Roberts** caught up over bagels in College Park, Md. **Rick Slagle** and his wife planned to move to Pittsburgh. **Bobby Skinner** seems to be constantly on the move, attending Snoop Dogg concerts and the BCS National Championship Game at the Rose Bowl. With Bobby in Cleveland; me in Columbus, Ohio; and Rick in Pittsburgh, we form the Bermuda Triangle of alumni!

Mary Motley spent the bulk of winter trapped indoors with her two young children. Her massage therapy practice is going well and she was grateful for the increased clientele due to injuries related to shoveling snow. **Anita Essalih** bought a house in Houston, down the street from son **Tony Essalih '99**. Thanks to Tony and Ellie, Anita has a granddaughter, who was to have a little sibling join her soon!

1994

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The Class of 1994 has begun to dig out of the snow and send in some updates. Luckily, I can sit outside in the Phoenix sun and type them up on my laptop!

By the time this issue comes out, I will be about to start law school. I am sorting through scholarship offers and preparing to be the oldest student in my class (or the "curve-breaker," as we used to call the BLS students). I am very excited to take this journey with the support of my partner, Mike.

Allyson Eubank Kinnard and husband Michael welcomed their second child, Tyler Joshua, who joins big sister Madeline. **Eric Reid** married Anne Strube Reid in August. Congratulations!

Jeff McClurken, associate professor of history and American studies at our alma mater, wrote a book, *Take Care of the Living: Reconstructing Confederate Veteran Families in Virginia*, which can be ordered through the UMW bookstore or Amazon. **Jill Stiglicz Laster '95** of Atlanta works in the virology

(HIV) division at Bristol-Meyers Squibb and is mom to Annie, 6; Virginia, 4; and Jerry, who turned 1 in March.

Anna Martin of Spokane, Wash., works with AmeriCorps VISTA and has done grant writing and event planning. **Scooter Wooldridge** left the cold of Washington, D.C., and came to Phoenix for a visit in November. He and partner Larry are together after 16 years and are proud parents of their adorable dog, Diva! **Eric Nolan** (The Man in the Green Jacket) is in New York and is always an engaging and enjoyable communicator.

I am sure that I am missing some notes. If so, I apologize. Cheers to another year, and best to all of you. Please don't hesitate to find me on Facebook or email me with your updates!

1995

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Hey, everyone! It has been so much fun catching up with many of you through Facebook. If you haven't joined the craze, you'll be amazed at how many "friends" you'll run into! We also have our own group, making it even easier to find classmates. As always, keep us posted on your whereabouts and what's going on in your lives. Hope all is well with everyone!

Alison Knuth Brown and husband Jason live in Seattle. She is a research consultant with Millward Brown, and one of her programs was a recent finalist for the Advertising Research Foundation's Ogilvy Award, an honor in her industry. She was to accept the award at a gala in New York City! Even more exciting was the arrival of their third child in August. The Browns now have a baby girl, Norah, who is quite taken with her two big brothers, Rowan and Rhys.

Jen Bendery is a White House reporter for the political publication *Roll Call*. **Kari Neckel Mitchum** of Fairfax Station, Va., has worked for Visa for four years. She and I run into each other often, since her son, Drew, is in second grade at the school where I work. Kari's other son, Dawson, is 4.

1997

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My big excitement was a trip to Argentina in February. Wade and I traveled to Buenos Aires and Mendoza, where the weather was perfect, the Malbec wine was plentiful, and the Argentinean beef was like butter. We visited Evita's balcony, bought leather shoes and belts, enjoyed a seven-course wine tasting lunch in the foothills of the Andes, soaked in the sun, and enjoyed the Vendimia wine festival in Mendoza. The best part of the trip was our timing; we left Minnesota in winter and returned to an early spring.

Best wishes to **Katy Maxey Wolford**, who married David Wolford last June at the chapel of the Sir Christopher Wren Building

Eric Thorne '94

Wise Investment in UMW Continues to Pay Dividends for Financial Advisor

Eric Thorne '94 was just a boy when his grandfather taught him about stocks and bonds. The child's imagination latched on to lessons of investors putting money to work, and his fascination with finance grew. By the time Thorne landed at Mary Washington, he knew he would "be doing something in the investment world."

Twenty years later, that "something" turned out to be a top-level career with Bryn Mawr Trust Company. Today, Thorne is senior vice president and investment advisor at the 120-year-old Philadelphia firm. For the past two years, *Philadelphia Magazine* has named Thorne a "FIVE STAR Wealth Manager," an elite designation given to less than 4 percent of professionals in the Philadelphia area.

Thorne is familiar to stock watchers from his regular appearances on such television outlets as CNBC, Bloomberg Television, and the Fox Business Network. In the media, he is sought after not only for his expertise in wealth management for affluent individuals and foundations, but also for his ability to communicate clearly about the complicated world of finance.

At Mary Washington, Thorne graduated with a double major in business and psychology. Accomplishing that in four years meant that "every class counted," Thorne said. Advisor Larry Penwell, professor of business administration and psychology, helped him map a course and stay on it. Doubling efforts at UMW paid off in the business world, Thorne said, where his psychology studies still offer insight into how people make decisions.

At UMW, he also honed the discipline for a full and balanced life. Thorne and his wife, Allison, have two daughters, ages 6 and 2, and a son, 4. He runs marathons and ultra-marathons at various locations throughout the country. And he maintains an attitude that takes him all the way to the finish line. "Life and business have severe ups and downs," Thorne said. "You take them one mile at a time."

Thorne learned the basics of the investment business in an early job as a securities analyst at Walnut Asset Management, a private investment company. Once at Bryn Mawr Trust, he moved from behind the scenes and began to directly manage client money.

He attributes his success to an innate inquisitiveness as well as a few doors that flew open at just the right time. "It comes down to someone giving you a chance," he said. "That has to happen for you to be able to prove you're capable of working hard and learning the business."

Thorne returned to UMW last year for Reunion Weekend, a visit that reinforced his view that a Mary Washington education is a wise investment. "Mary Washington has an excellent reputation and beautiful campus." And, he added, "it was a nice place to be for four years."

– Nancy Alexander

at the College of William & Mary. David's computer software job brought them to Fredericksburg and Katy was having a great time introducing him to all the historic sites around town.

Margaret Edder Johnson and husband Brooks Johnson live in Chicago and welcomed their son, Pierce, in October. Margaret works in healthcare policy consulting from her home office. **Amanda Neptune Bridges** welcomed son William Pierce in January. He joins sister Kate, 5, and brother Nick, 2½. Later in January, Amanda and the family moved from South Jersey back to Tacoma, Washington. What a busy month! **Beth Shultz Filmanski** and husband Tyson also welcomed a son, Quintyn Tyler, in January. He joins sister Abigail, 3.

The Environmental Education Association of Washington recognized **Colleen Minion Uuereb** in January as the 2009 Outstanding Non-Formal Environmental Educator. After seven years of training, **Patrick Daniel Tobin** was scheduled to be ordained on Mother's Day in St. Louis and was excited to get to his first assignment at the campus ministry of the University of Missouri in Columbia. **Renae Barnes** is a paraprofessional in an intensive behavior preschool classroom in Missouri's Rockwood School District. Son Lukas is in kindergarten at Wren Hollow Elementary School.

John-Michael Tota works with SAIC. He and **Nikki Matthews Tota '00** bought their first home in Centreville, Va., and look forward to spending time in the Shenandoah Mountains with son Joey, 2. The couple will celebrate five years of marriage in November.

Jason Terril moved to Hawaii last fall and traveled to New Zealand this past spring. **Diane Deren**, husband Richard, and son Sean, celebrated the 65th anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, France, in June. She said it was exciting to camp in a traditional Mongolian yurt and hear stories told by WWII veterans. A highlight of her week was visiting Mont Saint-Michel, which according to legend was started in 708 after St. Michael the Archangel commanded an abbey be built in his honor on the small rock island.

Brooke Molyneux Shepard lives in Tampa, Fla., with husband Jason and Gavyn, 2. She is an emergency medicine physician and medical director for the local fire and rescue department, which takes her back to her days on the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad.

Rob Edwards lives in Wake Forest, N.C., with wife **Tara Mallon Edwards '98**. In November, they welcomed fraternal twin sons Reese and Tristan. **Rob Clark** and his wife and children live just down the street from Rob and Tara. **Cheryl Mote Chafos** regularly meets **Courtney Akers '96** for dinner in Washington, D.C. Cheryl traveled to Las Vegas in January to meet with **Myon Mulhare Valentino** and **Katie Ruth**.

What's going on in your life? We'd love to hear your news!

1998

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First and foremost, thanks for all your good wishes as we welcomed Eliza Michele this past fall. Life as parents is quite different but Eliza, thankfully, is being kind to us.

There's lots of baby news from our class. **Lauren Dwyer Lowther** and husband Brandon welcomed son Thomas in September. **Alexis Kingham Fuge** and husband Dylan celebrated the birth of Sofia Grace late last summer. **Alyson Andrews Ramsay** and husband Peter welcomed Maegen, who joins big sisters Claire and Sarah. **Laura Vagts Fulton** and husband Justin of Virginia Beach welcomed twin girls Reagan and Makenna in February. **Wes Dunn** and **Joanna Riedel Dunn** welcomed their first child, daughter Zella Lee Dunn, in September. **Tara McGintee Gibbs** and husband Dave were expecting their third boy, joining big brothers Owen, 4, and Colin, 2, in June.

Tara Mallon Edwards '98 is a senior manager at Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, a regional accounting firm.

Jeremy Blain and wife Jen welcomed their third child in January to the delight of older siblings Ellen and Jason. The Blains moved from Germany to San Antonio in March and were busy settling into their new lives. **Larissa Lipani Peluso-Fleming** still teaches elementary school in Loudoun County, Va., and hangs out with her husband and 5-year-old son. She was expecting another bundle of joy in May, which was to take the count in her house to six males and one female. Larissa was thinking of purchasing a female fish to even out the ratio. **Aryn Diggle Blanton** and **Cecelia Gibson Walls** each were expecting their first baby this summer, within four weeks of one another. **Colette Strawn Johnson '97** was expecting her third child one week before Aryn's baby was due. The gals promised to take a photo of the three alumnae with their babies and send it in.

Tara Mallon Edwards and husband **Rob Edwards '97** have lived in Raleigh, N.C., for six years. She is a senior manager at Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, a regional accounting firm. In November, Rob and Tara welcomed twin boys Reese William and Tristan Garber; Rob is at home with the boys. **Caitlin Childress Bergeron** and her husband recently celebrated their eighth anniversary. Her son just turned 3, and her daughter turned 1 in February. Caitie still writes poetry and takes photographs, though she doesn't have as much time as she'd like for those these days.

Emily Shanaberger deFiesta and husband Andy have three boys, Dominic, 5; Clark, 3; and Bruce, 1. Andy's Army career had them in Hawaii for three years, but the family moved back to Richmond in November. **Mara Buzzell Ehret** and husband John welcomed their second son, Alexander, in March of 2009. Son Nathaniel turns 3 in July. Mara is a physician's assistant in Georgia.

Lee Ann Reaser received an MBA in public administration from UMW in May of 2009 and remains on staff in the University development office. **Sean Tuffy** still lives in Dublin, Ireland, but often finds himself all over the world. In July, he traveled to Nassau in The Bahamas to attend **Mike Cirami**'s wedding. **Eric Kloss** was also in attendance.

Felicity Smith Day and husband **John Day '97** are building a house in Medfield, Mass., and hope to move in with Olin, 4, and Hillary, 2, at the start of 2011. JD is now a principal at his architecture firm in Cambridge, and Felicity is the director of coaching of the JSSA Magic premier soccer club.

1999

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Sharon Kiple earned a master's degree in secondary mathematics education from UMW in December.

2000

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Many of you share my disbelief that it has already been 10 years since we graduated, and many wrote that you are excited about seeing classmates at the reunion this summer!

My husband, **Chris Sicuranza '98**, and I welcomed daughter Gabriela Lily in January in Arlington, Va. After moving into a home just outside Boston, **Sarah Chardo** and Ian MacLellan welcomed baby boy Brody in October.

Irene Schinkel Bristow and **David Bristow '01** enjoy life with Amelia Hanalei, 3. They completed their home study application to adopt a baby and hoped to complete a domestic adoption within the year. Irene wrote, "All prayers are greatly appreciated!" Last winter they redid the kitchen in their Northern Virginia home, and they knocked down a wall and painted nearly every room a new color.

Nikki Matthews Tota, a minister at Westover Baptist Church, competes in synchronized swimming with the D.C. Synchromasters. **Jeanne Thornhill Ulrich '61** is her teammate. Nikki and husband **John-Michael Tota '97** enjoy their son, Joey, 2, and will celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary in November. They just bought their first home in Centreville, Va.

Mariah Butler Vogelgesang, husband Matt, and son Grant, 2, of Fort Wayne, Ind., welcomed baby Harris Grey in October. **Annette Hibbert Nelson** married Tim Nelson in August in Glen Echo, Md., in an amusement park-themed wedding that was featured in *The Washington Post*. In attendance were **Julie Houts Frame**, who graduated from pharmacy school in 2008; **Kristine Reid Milne** and her three children; **Alison Martin Simpson** and her two boys; and **Jill Ellis Frank**. During the reception, Jill announced that she was pregnant with her first child, Ellie Frank, due in April. Annette was anticipating

the publishing of her first book, *The Adventures of Super3: A Teacher's Guide to Information Literacy for Grades K-2*, this July.

Joy Barnes, daughter Emily, 5, and son Samuel, 18 months, were awaiting the return of Joy's husband, Maj. Roger Thomas, from his 10-month deployment in Afghanistan. They were anxious to have "daddy" home safe and to be together as a family. They recently traveled to Hong Kong and Taiwan, and plan to travel as much as they can during their last year in Okinawa, Japan.

About her past role as Class Agent, Joy wrote, "For the last five years, it has been a pleasure to share in all the happy announcements of weddings, births, new jobs, and more with all of you. It has also been a special joy to be able to reconnect with many classmates through this position … I know Daniela will enjoy this, as well, and I look forward to reading her updates in the future!"

Please send future updates to Daniela at the email address listed above.

2001

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Teresa Joerger Mannix and her husband recently moved to a single-family home in Gainesville, Va., not far from their previous home in Bristow. Teresa still is director of media relations at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business. **David Bristow** and **Irene Schinkel Bristow '00** kept busy during Snowpocalypse 2010 by doing household improvements. They plan to adopt a sibling for their 3-year-old daughter. (See details in Irene's Class of 2000 entry.)

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in music, **Susan Carpenter** taught elementary special education and received a master of education degree in special education in 2006. She taught for two years and was recruited to work as a registered nurse at the new Stafford Hospital Center in Virginia. (She received an associate's degree in nursing in 1982.) She has been in peri-operative care for a year and loves the adrenaline rush of emergency surgeries lurking around the bend. She is a member of the education team and hopes her future leads to doctoral studies that tie together her education and experience.

> ***Andrew Ward '01 was awarded a Critical Language Scholarship to study Urdu in Lucknow, India, this summer.***

Sara Harney Correll lives in Gainesville, Va., with her husband and son Noah, 2. They expected their second child, a girl, at the end of April. **Jessica Bergner DaSilva** lives in Washington, D.C., with her husband. She teaches sixth-grade math. **Theresa Furlong Kennedy**, a project manager at Capital One, was expecting a baby this July. She and her husband bought a new house in Northside Richmond.

Tony Lambiasi hiked the Appalachian Trail and said it was the trip of a lifetime because the 2,178 miles of trail between Maine and Georgia proved to be peripheral to the true journey. He urges others to take the time to take those 5 million steps because, he said, you'll be amazed where they lead. [Read more about his hike on the next page.] **Kevin Lampinen** is in the Marines in North Carolina and was to deploy to Afghanistan in late spring. In the fall of 2008, **Katie Laskey-Donovan** and husband Ricky moved from Washington, D.C., back to Cleveland, where she is an attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.

Sherri Trudeau Martin and husband Bob celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary last October. She was happy to be teaching a second year for a charter school in Denver. Cherry Creek Hope Online Learning Academy is a brick-and-mortar school that offers a unique instructional experience – part traditional classroom and part online – to students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Sherri said that it is an engaging challenge and that she was on temporary leave to care for her 78-year-old father, who was in hospice care and passed away in March. Her son, Andrew, 17, is a sophomore at Overland High School, where he receives tremendous special education support services to help him cope with the challenges of Asperger's syndrome.

Zachary Sargent married Aimee Demora in September in Hyde Park, Vt., and moved to Boston. At the wedding were **Jamie Foster**, **Brendan Eygabroat**, **Trais Pearson**, **Steve Paturynski**, **Corey Byrnes '02**, **Mary Kovaleski '02**, and **Brendan Casey '97**.

Kylie D. Smith celebrated her 10th wedding anniversary this year with a cruise to the Azores islands, Portugal, Spain, Belgium, France, and England. **Ryan Smith** and **Beth Hovdestad Smith** of New York welcomed son Isaac in December. They also have a 2½-year-old daughter, Annabel. Beth still teaches fourth grade at a school in Westchester and Ryan is alumni director at a boys' school in New York City.

Andrew Ward of New Orleans helped found the nonprofit Voices for International Business and Education and create the International High School of New Orleans, an open-enrollment public high school that offers French and Spanish immersion programs. He was awarded a Critical Language Scholarship to study Urdu in Lucknow, India, this summer and continues to give tours of the French Quarter.

Michelle Carr Young is in her ninth year of teaching English at Forest Park High School in Woodbridge, Va. She and husband Jeremy were expecting their first child, Emileigh Marie Young, in July. **Jessica Moore** still works at Disney and lives in Vienna, Va. Her daughter Callie turned 6 this year.

2002

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In May, **Dana Coyle** received a master of public administration degree in environmental science and policy from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. She lives in Manhattan and recently started work on sustainability initiatives at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Kathy Gochenour received a master of education degree from UMW and married Peter Marat, a Marine Corps helicopter pilot, in May 2009. They live in Oceanside, Calif. Kathy traveled to Chile to teach English until July, at which time Peter finished deployment.

Mike Malin and **Cathy Kohler Malin** welcomed baby boy David Kohler in March. **Ryan Burleigh Ellithorpe** and husband Daniel welcomed their first child, Emerson Kate, in December. **Andre Lapar** got engaged to Kathy Hunken in November. They live in Jacksonville, Fla.

Any news you'd like to share is always appreciated; please email either of us anytime.

2003

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Jordan Mathias received a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Florida last spring and started work as an assistant professor of chemistry at Marietta College in Ohio in August.

Juliana D'Andrilli received a doctorate in physical chemistry with a research focus on marine and terrestrial geochemistry from Florida State University last year. She sailed on a CLIVAR Repeat Hydrography research cruise that surveyed the ocean at the 30-degree east longitude transect to Antarctica in 2008 and plans to pursue an oceanographic postdoctoral position. She recently presented her oceanic research at the ASLO Ocean Sciences Meeting in Portland, Ore., and was preparing for the summer International Humic Substances Society Meeting in Tenerife, Spain. Congratulations, Julie and Jordan!

Where in the world is the rest of the Class of '03? Please email updates anytime and I'll include them in the next issue. No need to wait for a postcard, special invitation, courier pigeon, or smoke signal, just shoot me an email! Stay well, friends.

2004

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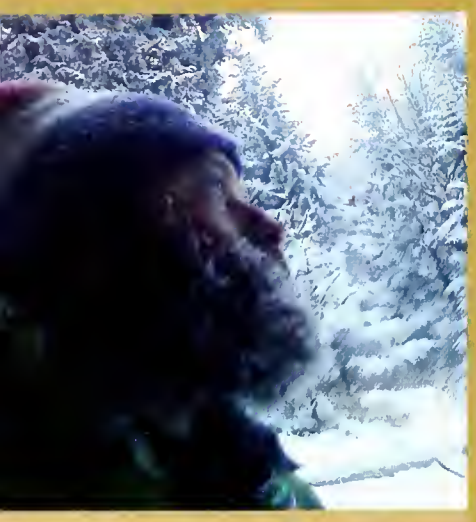
Sameer Vaswani started the MBA program at the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business. **Jill Graziano** became engaged to Michael Laiacona, a GMU alum, in February 2009 on "Top of the Rock" at Rockefeller Center in New York City. They planned a June wedding this year in Fredericksburg and recently purchased their first home in Centreville, Va. **Wendy Brayer** and husband Michael Williams

Alumnus Takes Steps Toward a Different Path

Lambiasi set off at Mount Katahdin in Maine.

It's easy to talk about leaving the rat race. It's not so easy to take the steps to make it happen. For **Tony Lambiasi '01** it took about 5 million steps.

He could have continued teaching history in Palm Beach, Fla., and charted a path toward school administration. But Lambiasi – single, unencumbered, and determined to contemplate what really matters in life – halted his normal routine and hiked the Appalachian Trail. That's 2,178.3 miles across 14 states from Maine to Georgia.



Smoky Mountains, Tennessee

A real estate salesman before going to college, Lambiasi was 31 when he graduated from Mary Washington. He was a history major with a concentration in education. "Applying to Mary Washington was the best decision I've ever made," he said. "I loved the University and the town."

Recalling the advantages of small classes and close relationships with his professors, he lamented the death earlier this year of Christine Kakavà, a linguistics professor who played a vital role in his education. "My professors helped me not only to learn," he said, "but to want to learn more."

That thirst to learn more – and his hikes not far from campus – influenced his decision in March 2009 to take on the Appalachian Trail. Mary Washington, he said, promotes exploration and curiosity. "So many times," Lambiasi recalled, "professors looked at me and paused before saying, 'That's a good question.' So, in a way, UMW made my choice to hike 2,000 miles feel perfectly normal because the hike was a big question that I was asking myself and the world."

On July 9, 2009, he set off at Mount Katahdin in Maine. Much of his hike was solitary.

"It was peaceful," he recalled. "You could even say spiritual."

And it was hard. When he started, Lambiasi weighed 173 pounds. By the time he reached Virginia, the scales read 126. He took 15 days off and gained back 10 pounds, which he kept on for the rest of the trip. He slept in shelters, bunkhouses, hostels, or a tent he carried; only three times did he opt for a motel.

He saw eight bears, three moose, a copperhead, a rattlesnake, coyotes, deer. At the start, he said, his biggest cravings were pizza and showers. By the end of his trek, it was fruity sodas and chocolate.

En route, Lambiasi found answers to some of his questions. After 400 miles, he said, hikers "become cleansed – body and mind." They understand that what matters is "the unspoken respect for everything and everyone around."

By December, near the end of the hike, the Smoky Mountains were brutal – snowy and icy, with temperatures dropping to 12 degrees at night. He persevered. On Dec. 22, five months and 13 days after he took the first step, he finished on Georgia's Springer Mountain. There, Lambiasi wept. He had come to the close of "the most peaceful time of my life, the most prolonged stretch of continuous exploration of my life."

Unwilling to return to "a mainstream life and worrying about material things," Lambiasi interviewed, and was accepted, to join the Twin Oaks International Community, a commune in Virginia's Louisa County. There he can keep asking the kinds of questions sparked at Mary Washington and along the trail – and further discern what he values most.

– Randy Hallman

The end of the trail: Georgia's Springer Mountain

welcomed their first child, Isaac Charles, in December.

After five years of living in non-English-speaking countries, **Kristin Simmers** looks forward to moving to London this fall! **Tricia Piccinino** and **Matt Kapuscinski** were married in April in Arlington, Va. **Bryce Perry**, **Brian Reagan**, **Kelly Kinahan**, **Becky Julian Keeley**, and **Caroline Ellis** were in the bridal party. Tricia earned a master's degree in education at George Washington University and teaches high school ESL in Virginia. Matt is in his second year at William & Mary Law School and recently was named editor in chief of the *William and Mary Law Review*.

Kristen "Kiki" Skove King earned a master's degree in political science and became a staff writer for former freelance client Advocates for Human Potential in November. She works from home full time. She continues her freelance work on the firm's website, including teaching a series of webinars on blogging and social media topics. Spring marked her second semester of teaching in the publishing master's degree program at George Washington University. Husband Jesse's low-voltage wiring company, Elite Wiring Solutions, became an authorized Vector Security dealer early this year. They celebrated their fifth anniversary in September and look forward to starting a family soon.

2005

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I purchased my first townhome in Butler, N.J., in November, completely remodeled it, and moved in this past spring.

Rachael Deane got engaged to **Gabe Walters '03** in December and they plan a Mary Washington wedding next April. Gabe was sworn in with the New York State Bar Association in January and works at the ACLU in Virginia. Rachael is in her third year of law school at the University of Richmond and planned to take the bar exam in July. **Mary Katherine Henley Hoskins** married Joey Hoskins in October. Bridesmaids included **Sara May Bailey**, **Lindsey Collier Bostic**, and **Ashley Miller**. Mary Katherine said, "Mary Wash folks came from far and wide! They definitely got the party started and kept it going long after we left. It was a great feeling to see everyone and realize that the

friendships from college are staying strong in the real world."

Leslie Leffke Brians received a master's degree in architecture from Texas A&M University in May, after completing thesis work on the adaptive reuse of an industrial building at Fort Monroe in Hampton, Va. She moved back to Virginia for a few months before marrying Army Capt. Obadiah Brians in Corolla, N.C., in September. **Marisa Day** was a bridesmaid. Marisa's husband, **Jon Martin**, and **David Voth** were in attendance. Leslie lives with her husband in New Orleans, where he is stationed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. **Jessica Amato** received a doctorate in physical therapy from Boston University last summer. She moved to Richmond in October to begin her career as a physical therapist at VCU Medical Center.

In December, **Samantha Smith Newbold** and husband **Michael Newbold '04** welcomed their first child, Spencer Charles, weighing in at 11 pounds. The family is doing great!

2006

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Rachelle Slotnick is a private chef in Washington, D.C. She planned to open her own business, Northwest Fresh, last March. **Callie Talbot** and **Adam Castellani** plan to be married in New York City this summer.

Todd Curran and **Erica Jackson '07** plan to be married in Charleston, S.C., in November. Todd opened a storefront in downtown Charleston for HolaOla Screen Printing and SAVAGEultimate, a nationally recognized company.

Christian "Christy" Morris planned to marry William Magyar Jr. in Warrenton, Va., in July. **Stephanie "Ianne" Leal** has lived in England since graduation. She received a master's degree in creative writing from the University of East Anglia and is pursuing a master's degree in philosophy. She published her first book, a collection of poetry called *Metrophobia*, and performs all over the country at festivals and book events. Marine Corps 1st Lt. **Colin Jones** is deployed in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, but plans to be back in time for Homecoming 2010!

Mary Beth Baylor still loves teaching first grade in Fairfax County, Va. She plans to go on a National Outdoor Leadership School sea kayaking trip in Alaska for two weeks this summer. After graduation, **Dana Thompson** went back to Virginia Beach and worked in education and exhibits at the Chrysler Museum of Art and at Hermitage Museum and Gardens. She worked with the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, spending a year traveling the country and teaching middle school and high school students. She is a registrar for the traveling exhibits service of International Arts & Artists, a nonprofit in Washington, D.C.

2007

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Caitlin Erickson and **Ray Moore '07** were engaged on Christmas Day. Ray was named head coach of varsity baseball at his alma mater, Douglas Southall Freeman High School in Henrico, Va. **Heather Shott** of Richmond is a student teacher in Chesterfield County, Va., and was to have received her teacher's license from the University of Richmond in May.

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Jacqui Newman got engaged at Christmastime to Greg Scanlon of Charlottesville, Va. They planned to move to Indianapolis and to tie the knot in New York City in July. **Laura Tabler-Allison '07** works at UMW and married her college sweetheart, **Kenneth Allison Jr.**, on St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands in November.

Tom Roberts works at Dovetail Cultural Resource Group in Fredericksburg, which happens to be owned by **Kerri Barile '94**. Tom plans to move to Richmond. **Josh Ferrari** started a two-year master's degree program in higher education at Old Dominion University and works as a graduate assistant at Virginia Wesleyan College.

In Memoriam

Helen Riggin Thorne '27
Rheba Verille Weddle '35
Virginia James Ford '36
Roberta Manley Coleman Kreger Jenkins Mealey '37
Anne Hazlett Rogers '39
Rosalie Jane Johnson Charlton '41
Leona Hobbs Robbins '41
Nancy Mann Lissenden '42
Ruth Warren Ames '43
Jane Harriett Beeton Bouteiller '43
Janet "Lolli" West Edwards '43
Katherine Schwenker '43
Frances Wills Stevens '43
Ebon "Bonnie" Bendroth Weiss '43
Barbara Rowley Stromgren Behrens '44
Margaret Donovan Dixon '45
Phyllis Plant Sugrue '45
Wilma Lindsey Clare '46
Virginia Fry Ely '46
Rosemary Sheehan Enright '46
Susan Vick Warren '46
Jeanne Cather Levi '47
Nora Crowell Monroe '47
Laulie Bell Friedlin Richardson '47
Barbara Hudson Custer '48
Margaret M. Umphlett '49
Maude Bennett Levey Kerby '50
Jean Tomko Chapman '51
Mary "Mimi" E. Bruce McCombie '52
Jacqueline Davis Roberts '52
Claudia Anne Beswick '53
Ruth Sergeant Mitchell '53
Barbara Mensch Fisher '54
Virginia Beach Aaron '57
Anne Lenzi Peters '57
Charlotte Nona Allen Best '58
Elaine Smith Venn '60
Denby Singley Gorman '61
Emyl Jenkins '61
Christina White Wittenkeller '62
Elizabeth Goldschmidt Mallett '63
Nancy Laprade Smith '63
Helen Bemis Black Jureidini '66
Louise Ewing Dolan '67
Sherry Elizabeth Allen Pickett '73
Ann Torralbas Cocke '83
Sally Jo Scarpa Sidell '83
Lois Wang Irwin '86
Heidi J. Salisbury Kral '90
Rosemary Florence Berquist '91
Otha Harrison "Rooster" Combest '93
Rozanne Krivosh Kelley '93
Tina M. Decarbo '01
Wendi D. Spindle Whitby '06

Condolences

Virginia Webb Pumphrey '44, who lost her brother
Louisa Burroughs Ruddick '46, who lost her husband
Doris Lippold Burns '47, who lost her husband
Primm Turner ffrench '49, who lost her husband
Betty Gavett Breeden '50, who lost her husband
Carmen Zeppenfeldt Catoni '50, who lost her son
Lenore Ladd Sloan '50, who lost her husband
Linda LeHardy Sweet '54, who lost her husband
Pauline Hamilton Burn '55, who lost her sister
Elaine Peru Palahunik '56, who lost her husband
Audrey Dubetsky Doyle '59, who lost her husband
Nancy Slomin-Aronie '63, who lost her son
Kay Smith Maleski '66, who lost her mother
Nancy Dean Wolff '66, who lost her husband
Julia Anne "Julie" McClelland Seder '71, who lost her husband
Lisa Tyree Sweeney '74, who lost her brother
Jane Albert McGee '77, who lost her father
Karen Mann '77, who lost her father
Mary Hudachek-Buswell '80, who lost her mother
Teresa A. Hudachek Djurie '83, who lost her mother
Susan M. Hudachek '84, who lost her mother
Sara Marple Piehler '87, who lost her mother
Dawn Colette Leonard Roper '88, who lost her father
Trent Ibbotson '89, who lost his father
Kristen Page-Kirby '99, who lost her father
Andrew M. Ivie '01, who lost his father

CLOSING COLUMN

William B. Crawley Jr.

This spring, Distinguished Professor of History and University Historian Bill Crawley retired after a 40-year association with Mary Washington. The magazine asked him to provide his reflections on developments during that period.

When in April of 1970, I accepted President Grellet Simpson's offer of a position in the Mary Washington Department of History (at the princely salary of $8,900), I never dreamed it would mark the beginning of a career that would span four decades – and would be the only job I would ever have. In truth, it would be more of a joy than a job.

I arrived in a Fredericksburg that was still essentially a sleepy Southern town, lacking in most of the standard urban amenities. One of the few restaurants, located in the Sheraton Motor Inn, was characterized by distinctive silos, a vestige of its previous incarnation as a working dairy farm. More appealing to students were the iconic Allman's Bar-B-Q and Carl's Frozen Custard.

Three movie theaters, including one drive-in, offered entertainment, but the main student hangouts were Arts/The Latch String and My Brother's Place.

Forty years later, the Fredericksburg area possesses all the attractions – and distractions – characteristic of urban America. Whether an improvement or not is debatable – but change it assuredly is.

The scope of change at Mary Washington rivaled that of the surrounding community. Two of the most important changes occurred around the time I joined the faculty: coeducation in 1970 and separation from U.Va. in 1972. Later, MWC would become UMW.

The most visible change has been the physical transformation of campus. Among the most salutary was the construction of a pedestrian walkway to replace the road that earlier bisected the campus, a thoroughfare that had provided ample opportunities for girl-gawking by "townies." Currently two major projects – Eagle Village (on the site of the former Park & Shop) and the Anderson Convocation Center – are nearing completion.

Academic changes have included the addition of several popular majors, notably business administration (now the University's largest) and historic preservation (one of the nation's most prestigious).

Extracurricular opportunities have expanded exponentially. The intercollegiate sports program, essentially nonexistent in 1970, now boasts a full complement of teams that compete very successfully at the NCAA Division III level.

Nowhere has change been more evident than in student life. The dress code was abolished in the late '60s; May Day, once the College's most cherished tradition, expired in 1968; and the requisite freshman beanies disappeared soon thereafter. Male visitors were no longer required to carry guest cards to prove their entitlement to be on campus; dormitory curfews were abolished; and dorm mothers went the way of the hoop skirt.

Then and now: Bill Crawley (above) in the early '70s and in a recent photo (below).

Several social events, vastly popular for a time, have come and gone – most prominent among them the "keggers" of the 1970s, done in mainly by the change in the drinking age to 21. "Halloweens," once the biggest and certainly most boisterous party of the year, met a similar fate. The notorious "Wo-Man" contest, once regarded as the epitome of hilarity – or the nadir of taste, depending on one's viewpoint – gradually disappeared. Two of the institution's oldest traditions, Devil-Goat Day and Junior Ring Week, survive, though with somewhat diminished vitality.

Technology, of course, has been the agent of many changes. Hall phones, for example, were initially replaced by room phones, which eventually gave way to cell phones. Daily trips, sometimes multiple trips, to the post office were obviated by text messaging. Card catalogs, once the backbone of the library, gave way to computer search engines.

Amidst all the changes, what remains? Well, happily, Allman's. And Carl's.

Beyond that, many elements closest to Mary Washington's heart – and to mine – yet endure. Paramount among these are the beauty of the campus and the integrity of its built environment; the commitment of the institution to the liberal arts as the basis of its educational mission; the dedication of the faculty and their genuine concern for the welfare of their students; and the concept of honor that pervades and undergirds all that the University represents.

These are the things that, amidst the unanticipated and nearly unfathomable changes of the past 40 years, have made Mary Washington the extraordinary institution that it is today. And they are the things that I trust will prevail in the future, ensuring that the place I have cherished will continue to thrive.

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The beech trees around the amphitheater have been a canvas for generations of lovers marking mementos of romance in bark. The shady grove has harbored shy sweethearts, first kisses, and even clandestine nuptials.